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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, ROGERS C.B. MORTON,
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OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. THE PLEBISCITE WOULD ENABLE RESIDENTS OF THAT DISTRICT TO APPROVE OR REJECT THE COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP DEFINED BY THE "COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA", SIGNED FEBRUARY 15, 1975 BY THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. AN ACCOMPANYING SECRETARIAL ORDER, NO. 2973, DEFINES THE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING THE PLEBISCITE. BOTH PROCLAMATION AND SECRETARIAL ORDER ARE QUOTED FOR INFO AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO MNS:

QUOTE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
- OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
- WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

ORDER NO. 2973

SUBJECT: PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT

- WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS HAS UNDERTAKEN AN OBLIGATION UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT AND UNDER ARTICLE 76 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER TO GIVE THE PEOPLES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE FREELY THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE; AND

- WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT REPEATEDLY HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATE AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WOULD BECOME A PART OF THE UNITED STATES UPON TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS; AND

- WHEREAS, A COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAS NOW BEEN NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED BY THE DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT AND THE UNITED STATES AND RECEIVED THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 20, 1975;

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NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11321 OF JULY 1, 1962 AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

SEC. 1 PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HOLDING OF A PLEBISCITE ON JUNE 17, 1975, IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT AS AN EXERCISE BY THE PEOPLE OF THAT DISTRICT OF THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

SEC. 2 THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER

A PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING, THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND THE HOLDING OF THE PLEBISCITE

IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL:

(1) ENSURE THAT AN IMPARTIAL PLEBISCITE EDUCATION PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS;

(2) APPOINT A PLEBISCITE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD, DESIGNATE ITS CHAIRMAN AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS;

(3) ESTABLISH AN OFFICIAL PLEBISCITE REGISTER ON THE BASIS OF THE FINAL VOTER REGISTRATION LIST AS CERTIFIED BY THE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD, TO INCLUDE QUALIFIED ABSENTEE VOTERS;

(4) OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS FOR AND SUPERVISE THE HOLDING OF THE PLEBISCITE; AND

(5) APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO HIM FOR THE EXECUTION AND COORDINATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE PLEBISCITE.

SEC. 3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION

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3 (A) THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE THE PLEBISCITE
COMMISSIONER ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND SHALL ASSURE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE
PLEBISCITE IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE PLEBISCITE
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(B) THE TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND STAFF SHALL ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTIES.

SEC. 4 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS PLEBISCITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UNDERLINED)

(A) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS PLEBISCITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRINCIPAL SECTORS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COMMUNITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

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- (2) MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION
- (3) DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
- (4) SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
- (5) ROTA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
- (6) TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
- (7) UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION
- (8) POPULAR PARTY
- (9) TERRITORIAL PARTY
- (10) CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(8) THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSULT ON A CONTINUING BASIS WITH THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER FOR THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADVICE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PLEBISCITE WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE PLEBISCITE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

SEC. 5 FUNCTION OF THE PLEBISCITE EDUCATION PROGRAM
(UNDERLINED)

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER, THE PROGRAM WILL BE OPERATED IMPARTIALLY AND OBJECTIVELY, MAKING AVAILABLE TO ALL VOTERS THE RELEVANT FACTS INCLUDING ALTERNATIVE CHOICES. THE PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION THROUGH DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS, MEDIA USAGE AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION. THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE OBJECTIVE INFORMATION ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT AND THE CHOICES OFFERED ON THE BALLOT.

SEC. 6 PLEBISCITE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD (UNDERLINED)

(A) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A PLEBISCITE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD CONSISTING OF ELEVEN MEMBERS, EIGHT OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED AT LARGE BY THE PLEBISCITE COMMIS-

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SISSONER AND THREE OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER FROM THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS OF SAIPAN, ROTA AND TINIAN TO SERVE ON THE BOARD ONLY WHEN IT ACTS AS A BODY

OR SITTING EN BANC (EN BANC UNDERLINED) ON MATTERS INVOLVING THEIR RESPECTIVE MUNICIPALITIES.

(B) VOTERS SHALL BE REGISTERED IN THE VOTING DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY RESIDE. THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER MAY, HOWEVER, ISSUE SPECIAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND SHALL ESTABLISH SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VOTING OF ABSENTEE VOTERS. THE VOTER REGISTRATION SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE VOTING DISTRICTS BY PANELS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD CONSISTING OF NOT LESS THAN TWO MEMBERS; THEY SHALL BE JOINED EX OFFICIO (EX OFFICIO UNDERLINED) BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSIONER OF THAT DISTRICT, OR IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH VILLAGE COMMISSIONER BY ITS MAYOR. THE EX OFFICIO (EX OFFICIO UNDERLINED) MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE WITH THE PANELS. REGISTRATION SHALL BEGIN ON A DATE TO BE SET BY THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER AND SHALL TERMINATE ON MAY 19, 1975.

(C) THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL HAVE ALL NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(1) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EX OFFICIO (EX OFFICIO UNDERLINED) MEMBERS, REGISTER ALL VOTERS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE PLEBISCITE;

(2) SITTING EN BANC (EN BANC UNDERLINED) AS AN APPELLATE REVIEW BOARD, HEAR CHALLENGES OF DECISIONS GRANTING OR DENYING REGISTRATION TO ANY PERSON; AND

(3) CERTIFY THE FINAL VOTER REGISTRATION LIST TO THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER.

(D) DECISIONS OF THE PANELS DENYING REGISTRATION MAY BE CHALLENGED BY ANY REGISTERED VOTER. CHALLENGES MUST BE MADE WITHIN THREE WORKING DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE DECISION OF THE PANEL. SUCH CHALLENGES SHALL BE HEARD

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BY THE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD SITTING EN BANC (EN BANC
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BEEN DECIDED BY THE BOARD BY MAY 23, 1975 SHALL BE DEEMED
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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY
OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS HAS UNDER-
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THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE; AND

- WHEREAS, BY ACT OF MAY 19, 1972, THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBED ITS DUTIES TO INCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT; AND

- WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975 THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SIGNED A COVENANT WHICH IF APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, WOULD, UPON TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS, ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; AND

- WHEREAS, THIS SIGNING MARKED THE CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF EFFORTS BY THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS THROUGH PUBLIC PETITION AND REFERENDUM TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES; AND

- WHEREAS, THE COVENANT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 20, 1975 BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; AND

- WHEREAS, BY RESOLUTION NO. 126-1975 THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1975 FORMALLY REQUESTED THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO SET A DATE FOR AND CALL A PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT RELATIVE TO THE COVENANT;

- NOW THEREFORE, I, ROGERS C.B. MORTON, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN ME UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 11021 OF JULY 1, 1962 AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DO HEREBY CALL FOR A PLEBISCITE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1975 THROUGHOUT THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO DECIDE PURSUANT TO THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, WHETHER THEY WISH TO

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BECOME A COMMONWEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE COVENANT SIGNED ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975

THE PLEBISCITE WILL BE HELD IN A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL MANNER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE BALLOT TO BE PRESENTED IN THE PLEBISCITE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

() YES - I VOTE FOR COMMONWEALTH AS SET FORTH IN THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

() NO - I VOTE AGAINST COMMONWEALTH IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES AS SET FORTH IN THE COVENANT RECOGNIZING THAT, IF COMMONWEALTH IS REJECTED, THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WILL REMAIN AS A DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WITH THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE DETERMINATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF THIS ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, I DECLARE THAT THE DAY OF THE PLEBISCITE SHALL BE A PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHALL GIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE TO ALL TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN SAID DISTRICT.

OBSERVERS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE WELCOME TO WITNESS THE PLEBISCITE AS WELL AS THE PLEBISCITE EDUCATION PROGRAM, THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, AND OTHER PRE-PLEBISCITE ACTIVITIES. SUCH OBSERVERS WILL BE PROVIDED ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.

I HAVE TODAY ISSUED SECRETARIAL ORDER NO. 2973 WHICH DEFINES THE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING THE

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PLANNING FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE
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- WHEREAS, THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT REPEATEDLY HAVE REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATE AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WOULD BECOME A PART OF THE UNITED STATES UPON TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS; AND

- WHEREAS, A COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAS NOW BEEN NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED BY THE DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT AND THE UNITED STATES AND RECEIVED THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 20, 1973;

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NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11221 OF JULY 1, 1962 AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

SEC. 1 PURPOSE (UNDERLINED)

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HOLDING OF A PLEBISCITE ON JUNE 17, 1975, IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT AS AN EXERCISE BY THE PEOPLE OF THAT DISTRICT OF THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

SEC. 2 THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER (UNDERLINED)

A PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING, THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND THE HOLDING OF THE PLEBISCITE

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(3) ESTABLISH AN OFFICIAL PLEBISCITE REGISTER ON THE BASIS OF THE FINAL VOTER REGISTRATION LIST AS CERTIFIED BY THE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD, TO INCLUDE QUALIFIED ABSENTEE VOTERS;

(4) OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLANS FOR AND SUPERVISE THE HOLDING OF THE PLEBISCITE; AND

(5) APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO HIM FOR THE EXECUTION AND COORDINATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE PLEBISCITE.

SEC. 3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION (UNDERLINED)

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(A) THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND SHALL ASSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE PLEBISCITE IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER.

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