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July 12, 1975

Honorable Franklin Haydn William
President's Personal Representative
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ambassador William:

Enclosed you will find certified copy of Resolution No. 25-6-1975, entitled, "A Resolution respectfully urging the United States Congress to approve the Covenant to established a Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas", duly and regularly adopted by the Saipan Municipal Council on the 11th day of July, 1975.

Sincerely yours,

Egredino M. Jones

Egredino M. Jones
Acting Speaker

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Encl:

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A RESOLUTION

Respectfully urging the United States Congress to approve the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1. WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District, Trust Territory
2. of the Pacific Islands, have long desired a close and permanent relationship
3. with the United States of America, and pursuant to their desire have
4. established, through their elected representatives on the Mariana Islands
5. District Legislature; the Marianas Political Status Commission which has
6. concluded an agreement with the President's Personal Representative for
7. Micronesian Status Negotiations on a Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of
8. the Northern Mariana Islands; and

9. WHEREAS, on June 17, 1975, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands,
10. by an overwhelming 78.8% majority, approved the aforesaid Covenant in a
11. sovereign act of self-determination held at the direction of the United
12. States of America and under the supervision of the United Nations; and

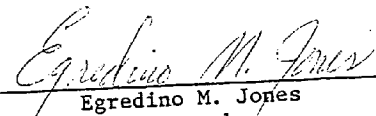
13. WHEREAS, further progress toward self-government for the people of the
14. Northern Marianas in Commonwealth with the United States requires approval
15. of the Commonwealth Covenant by the United States Congress, which is presently
16. engaged in the process of considering the aforesaid Covenant; now, therefore,

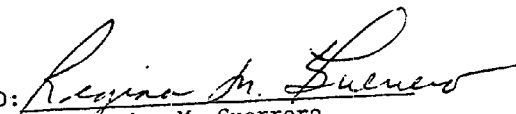
17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fifth Saipan Municipal Council, First
18. Special Session, 1975, that the Council hereby respectfully urged and requests
19. the United States Congress to approve the Covenant to Establish a
20. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

21. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be
22. transmitted to the Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives
23. Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs; to the Chairman of the Senate and
24. House of Representatives Subcommittees on Territorial and Insular Affairs; to the
25. Secretary of the Interior; to the Director of the Office of Territories;

1. to the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status
2. Negotiations; to the Chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission;
3. to the President of the Mariana Islands District Legislature; to the District
4. Administrator of the Mariana Islands District, to the High Commissioner, to
5. the Mayor Municipality of Saipan, to the Mayor Municipality of Rota, to the
6. Mayor Municipality of Tinian, and to the Congress of Micronesia.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of July, 1975.


Egredino M. Jones
Acting Speaker

ATTESTED: 
Regina M. Guerrero
Clerk of the Council

STATEMENT OF HONORABLE JOAQUIN S. TORRES,
SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS
July 14, 1975

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of this Subcommittee, my name is Joaquin S. Torres and I am appearing today on behalf of the Saipan Municipal Council to urge your speedy approval of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

I bring warm greetings from the people of the Municipality of Saipan, the Mayor, the Honorable Vicente D. Sablan, our Speaker, who is here with us today, and my colleagues in the 25th Saipan Municipal Council, which is a legally constituted entity which has played a major and vital supportive role in our long quest to attain a long-desired goal to become a part of this great country of yours — the United States of America.

The support of the people of Saipan and their duly elected representatives to which I have alluded above is now a matter of history. Even before the Municipality of Saipan was chartered there was an expression of our desire to become a part of the American political family by our predecessor — the House of High Council and the House of Commissioners.

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