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OFFICIAL TRUST TERRITORY FLAG ADOPTED

SAIPAN, M.I. (August 20)...A circle of six white stars centered on a field of light blue, has been adopted by the Congress of Micronesia as the official flag of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The original design is by Gonzalo Santos, Mariana Islands, who won a contest to design an official flag sponsored by the former Council of Micronesia in 1962.

The flag was approved by the 1962 Council of Micronesia session and by the High Commissioner on October 4, 1962. The choice of this design was reaffirmed by the Congress of Micronesia at its first session in 1965 when it passed a bill adopting this design as the official Territorial flag and set forth regulations as to its proper display. The bill was signed into law by High Commissioner Goding on August 19, 1965 and designated Public Law No. 1-1.

The Trust Territory flag is now flown on all vessels registered and licensed in the Trust Territory, according to Executive Order No. 100, issued by High Commissioner M. W. Goding and approved by Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall on July 3, 1965.

Executive Order No. 100 revises Chapter 14, Vessels; Shipping, Section 835, Flag, of the Code of the Trust Territory of the Pacific

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Islands as follows: "All vessels registered and licensed in accordance with provisions of this Chapter shall fly the flag of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands."

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