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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

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Hon. Ronald Reagan President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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I am pleased to transmit the enclosed resolution of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers concerning the future of cultural preservation programs in Micronesia.

Although the termination of U.S. governance of Micronesia is imminent, the Compact of Free Association will extend U.S. military and economic assistance for an additional fifteen years. However, the Compact does not provide for the continuation of the legal and financial historic preservation programs of the federal government.

The State historic preservation officers, and the territorial governments feel strongly that the continued U.S. relationship with Micronesia must be a balanced one which includes continuation of cultural as well as economic and military ties.

The NCSHPO therefore urges your support for the enclosed amendment to Senate Joint Resolution 286, which approves the Compact of Free Association, to include continuing the assistance and protection currently available under the authorities of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Thank you.

Executive Director

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ADMINISTRATORS OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT IN THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE COMMONWEALTHS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS, THE TERRITORIES OF AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS