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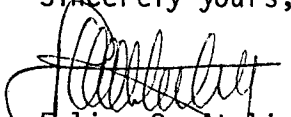
January 6, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 5-31, entitled, "A SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN TO RESOLVE THE CONTROVERSY REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF U.S. PASSPORTS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.", adopted by the Senate on December 22, 1986, by a majority vote of the members, a quorum being present, Fifth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Second Regular Session, 1986.

Sincerely yours,


Felipe Q. Atalig
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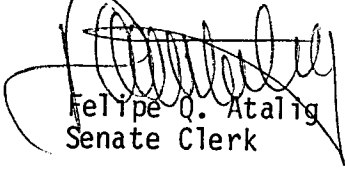
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The Honorable Richard T. Montoya
Assistant Secretary Territorial and
International Affairs
United States Department of Interior
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20240

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A SENATE RESOLUTION


REQUESTING PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN TO RESOLVE THE CONTROVERSY
REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF U.S. PASSPORTS TO THE CITIZENS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Offered by Senators Manuel P. Villagomez, Benjamin T. Manglona, Jose P. Mafnas,
Herman M. Manglona, Joseph S. Inos and Juan N. Babauta

Date: November 25, 1986

SENATE ACTION

Adopted: December 22, 1986


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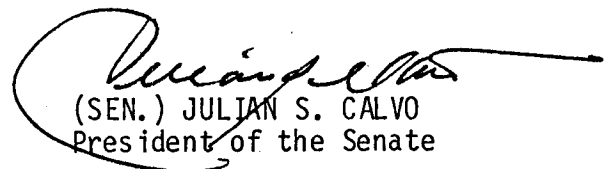
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CERTIFICATION

S.R. NO. 5-31

We hereby certify that the foregoing Senate Resolution was adopted by the Senate of the Fifth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Second Regular Session, 1986, by the unanimous vote of the members, a quorum being present.


(SEN.) JULIAN S. CALVO
President of the Senate


(SEN.) MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Senate Legislative Secretary

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1986

A SENATE RESOLUTION

Requesting President Ronald Reagan to resolve the controversy regarding the issuance of U.S. passports to the citizens of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 WHEREAS, the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
2 Islands, in a United Nations observed plebiscite, voted overwhelmingly
3 to approve the Covenant To Establish A Commonwealth of the Northern
4 Mariana Islands In Political Union with the United States of America
5 (The "Covenant"); and

6 WHEREAS, the Covenant was approved by the U.S. Congress and the
7 President of the United States resulting in the partial implementation
8 of United States Public Law 94-241 effective in January 1978; and

9 WHEREAS, on November 4, 1986, President Ronald Reagan issued a
10 Proclamation declaring the Covenant to be in full force and effect; and

11 WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Marianas have waited many years
12 for this declaration and for the fulfillment of their dreams to become
13 members of the American political family; and

14 WHEREAS, the U.S. Passport Team in Saipan, based on the U.S. State
15 Department's interpretation of the Covenant and the U.S. laws, require
16 that both parents of a child born in the Northern Mariana Islands must
17 have been citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands ("T.T.
18 citizens") in order for their children to be eligible for U.S. passports;
19 and

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1 WHEREAS, the additional requirements imposed by the U.S. Passport
2 Team to account for the periods of residency in the Northern Marianas of
3 those T.T. citizens who are applying for U.S. passports impose an
4 unnecessary, costly and time consuming process for these applicants; and

5 WHEREAS, such determination does not take into account the unique
6 historical aspects that led to the creation of the U.S. Commonwealth of
7 the Northern Mariana Islands from part of the Trust Territory of the
8 Pacific Islands, a former League of Nations mandate under Japan prior to
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, the applications of many T.T. citizens who have one parent
11 of foreign ancestry have been denied by the U.S. Passport Team; and

12 WHEREAS, a child who was born in the Northern Marianas whose father
13 is a T.T. citizen and whose mother is a U.S. citizen might be denied a
14 U.S. passport; and

15 WHEREAS, a child who was born in a U.S. Army Hospital in West
16 Germany whose parents are both T.T. citizens and whose father was a
17 former member of the United States Army will be denied a U.S. passport;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, these T.T. citizens have complied with the requirements of
20 Article III of the Covenant and have been domiciled in the Northern
21 Marianas or in the United States or its territory and possessions; and

22 WHEREAS, the possibility that these T.T. citizens might not be
23 eligible to become U.S. citizens have both shocked and made these
24 applicants dumbfounded and totally displeased with the U.S. Passport
25 Team's rulings; and

1 WHEREAS, on December 8, 1983, President Reagan signed a Proclamation
2 based on the United States Public Law 98-213, which defined "a citizen of
3 the Northern Mariana Islands" to mean "a citizen of the Trust Territory
4 of the Pacific Islands and his or her children under the age of eighteen,
5 who does not owe allegiance to any foreign state and who was born in the
6 Northern Mariana Islands or in the United States or any of its territory
7 or possessions;" and

8 WHEREAS, the intent of the Covenant is very clear and unambiguous
9 and that U.S. Public Law 98-213 clearly shows that the United States
10 Congress intended that only one parent be required to be a T.T. citizen
11 in order for his or her children to become U.S. citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, it is unfair that a child who was born between the time
13 the Covenant was signed and November 4, 1986, is not a U.S. citizen but
14 if he or she was born after November 4, 1986 of the same parents, he or
15 she will be eligible for a U.S. passport; and

16 WHEREAS, it is also unfair that an illegal alien who crosses the
17 U.S. border and has a child in the United States, the child is a U.S.
18 citizen, but a child who was born in the Commonwealth as described above
19 is not automatically a U.S. citizen; and

20 WHEREAS, an applicant who was born in the Northern Marianas and
21 whose maternal grandfather was a Korean is required to prove that her
22 grandfather has renounced his Korean citizenship before she can be
23 eligible to become a U.S. citizen; now, therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Fifth Northern Marianas
25 Commonwealth Legislature, Second Regular Session, 1986, that President

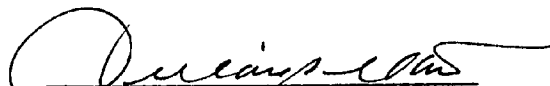
1 Ronald Reagan is respectfully requested to expeditiously resolve the
2 controversy regarding the issuance of U.S. passports to the citizens of
3 the Northern Marianas so that they can become U.S. citizens, conferring
4 upon them their new status as full members of the United States political
5 family; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate shall
7 certify and the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption
8 hereof and transmit certified copies to the Honorable Ronald Reagan,
9 President of the United States of America; to the Honorable George Bush,
10 President of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable George Schultz, Secretary
11 of State; to the Honorable Donald Hodel, Secretary of Interior; to the
12 Honorable Robert Dole, Senate Majority Leader; to the Honorable Robert
13 C. Byrd, Senate Minority Leader; to the Honorable Daniel Inouye, U.S.
14 Senator from Hawaii; to the Honorable Spark M. Matsunaga, U.S. Senator
15 from Hawaii; to the Honorable Thomas P. O'neil, Jr., Speaker of the
16 U.S. House of Representative; to the Honorable Jim Wright, House
17 Majority Leader; to the Honorable Robert Michel, House Minority Leader;
18 to the Honorable Daniel Akaka, U.S. Congressman from Hawaii; to the
19 Honorable Richard T. Montoya, Assistant Secretary of Interior for
20 Territorial and International Affairs; to the Honorable Ben Blaz, Guam's
21 Representative to the U.S. Congress; to the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio,
22 Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the
23 Honorable Pedro A. Tenorio, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of the
24 Northern Mariana Islands; to the Honorable Froilan C. Tenorio, Northern
25 Marianas Washington Representative; to the Honorable Jose R. Lifoifoi,

- 1 Speaker of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands House of
- 2 Representative;
- 3 and to the Mayors of Saipan, Tinian, Rota and the Northern Islands.

Adopted: December 22, 1986

ATTEST:



JULIAN S. CALVO
President of the Senate



MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Senate Legislative Secretary

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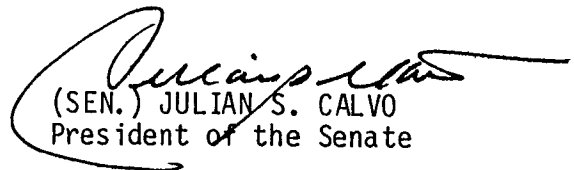
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FEBRUARY 9, 1987

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ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 458303

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 6, 1987

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE FELIPE Q. ATALIG
SENATE CLERK
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COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SAIPAN CM 96950

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