
A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the United Nations Trusteeship Council members to support the exercise of self-determination by the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

1 WHEREAS, after the close of World War II the islands of Micro-
2 nesia were placed under a Trusteeship Agreement to be administered
3 by the United States under the supervision of the United Nations; and

4 WHEREAS, pursuant to article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement the
5 United States agreed to foster the development of such political
6 institutions as are suited to the Trust Territory and to promote the
7 development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory toward self-
8 government or independence in accordance with the freely expressed
9 wishes of the peoples concerned; and

10 WHEREAS, over the course of more than 40 years the inhabitants
11 of the Trust Territory, by democratic means, established their own
12 political institutions and governments; and

13 WHEREAS, through their democratic political institutions and duly
14 elected governments the inhabitants of the Trust Territory carefully
15 negotiated over more than 15 years a future political status agreement
16 with the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, this carefully constructed future political status
18 agreement between the United States and the Federated States of
19 Micronesia carries the title of Compact of Free Association; and

20 WHEREAS, through an elaborate and democratic process the Compact
21 of Free Association was approved on three separate levels; by a
22 National plebiscite, by three out of four State legislatures, and by
23 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

24 WHEREAS, despite the expressed overwhelming desire by the people
25 of the Federated States of Micronesia for the Compact of Free Association,

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1 approval by the United States Congress has been slow in coming; and
2 WHEREAS, past support by the United Nations Trusteeship Council
3 on issues relating to the exercise of self-determination by the
4 inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands has been helpful;
5 now, therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of
7 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby
8 respectfully requests the United Nations Trusteeship Council members to
9 support the exercise of self-determination by the inhabitants of the
10 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
12 be transmitted to each of the members of the United Nations Trusteeship
13 Council, and to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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15 Date: 5/21/85

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