

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully urging the Secretary of the Interior and the High Commissioner to pursue all means necessary to complete the capital improvement projects identified in the document entitled "Second Level Capital Improvement Program."

1 WHEREAS, the Charter of the United Nations, in Article 73 of Chapter XI,
2 relating to non-self governing territories, states that members of the United
3 Nations which assume responsibilities for the administration of non-self
4 governing territories recognize that the interests of the inhabitants of the
5 non-self governing territories are paramount; and

6 WHEREAS, the referenced article of the United Nations Charter also
7 states that member nations which assume responsibility for the administration
8 of non-self governing territories accept "as a sacred trust" the obligation
9 to promote "to the utmost" the well-being of the inhabitants of non-self
10 governing territories and to ensure the political, economic, social, and
11 educational advancement of the inhabitants, in part, through the promotion
12 of constructive measures of development; and

13 WHEREAS, one of the basic objectives of the trusteeship system, as set
14 forth in Article 76 of Chapter XII of the United Nations Charter, is the
15 promotion of the political, economic, social and educational advancement of
16 the inhabitants of a trust territory; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States, as a party to the agreement with the United
18 Nations to act as trustee for the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the
19 Pacific Islands, is legally obligated to promote the social and economic
20 advancement of all inhabitants of the Trust Territory and may not discharge
21 such legal obligation by the selective development and advancement of only
22 the inhabitants of those islands which have become seats of government or

1 major population centers; and

2 WHEREAS, the inhabitants of the Trust Territory who reside on islands
3 which are not seats of government or major population centers have a legal
4 right to fair and equal treatment under the terms of the Trusteeship Agreement,
5 which is law within the Trust Territory, as required by Section 7 of Title I of
6 the Trust Territory Code, which forbids the denial of equal protection of the
7 laws; and

8 WHEREAS, the on-going capital improvement program is focused almost
9 exclusively on the islands which are seats of government or which have become
10 population centers, and does not address the needs of the large proportion of
11 the inhabitants who do not reside on the islands which are seats of government
12 or which have become population centers; and

13 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Statistics within the Office of the
14 High Commissioner coordinated the development of a program of capital improve-
15 ments referred to as "second level" to meet some of the pressing needs of
16 islands which are not seats of government or population centers; and

17 WHEREAS, very shortly after the Office of the High Commissioner published
18 the document entitled "Second Level Capital Improvement Program," the High
19 Commissioner stated publicly that he did not intend to seek funding for the
20 Program; and

21 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the First Congress of the Federated States
22 of Micronesia that the failure of the Secretary of Interior and the High
23 Commissioner to pursue the funding necessary to meet the needs of the large
24 proportion of the population of the Federated States of Micronesia who do not
25 reside on the islands which are seats of government or which have become

1 population centers, after such needs were formally identified and acknowledged
2 in the course of developing the Second Level Capital Improvement Program,
3 appears to disregard obligations and commitments central to the trusteeship
4 concept generally and to the Trusteeship Agreement between the United Nations
5 and the United States more specifically, as well as provisions of the United
6 Nations Charter relating to non-self governing territories; and

7 WHEREAS, it is the further sense of this Congress that the Trusteeship
8 should not be terminated until the obligations assumed under the Trusteeship
9 Agreement between the United Nations and the United States have been fulfilled
10 or satisfactory provision made therefor; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
12 Second Regular Session, 1979, that the Secretary of the Interior and the High
13 Commissioner be respectfully urged to pursue all means necessary to assist
14 in meeting the needs of those inhabitants of the Trust Territory who reside on
15 islands which have been largely neglected in the area of infrastructure develop-
16 ment during the Trusteeship by the completion of the capital improvement
17 projects identified in the document entitled "Second Level Capital Improvement
18 Program" published by the Office of the High Commissioner in August 1978; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be
20 transmitted to the United Nations Trusteeship Council; United States Senators
21 Warren Magnuson, Frank Church, Jacob Javits, John Glenn, Jesse Helson, Milton
22 Young, Robert C. Byrd, Thadeus Stevens, Henry Jackson, Mark Hatfield,
23 J. Bennett Johnston, Jr., Daniel K. Inouye, and Spark Matsunaga; members of
24 the U.S. House of Representatives Jamie Whitten, Silvio Conte, Sidney Yates,
25 Joseph McDade, Clement Zablocki, William Broomfield, Lester Wolff,

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1 Tennyson Guyer, Morris Udall, Phillip Burton, Robert Duncan, Donald Claussen,
2 Robert Lagomarsino, Daniel Akaka, Cecil Heftel, and Antonio B. Won Pat;
3 Mr. Rodney Weiher and Mr. Ronald Cogswell in the Office of Management and
4 Budget; Secretary of the Department of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus; Under-
5 Secretary of the Department of the Interior James A. Joseph; Mrs. Ruth G.
6 Van Cleve, Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs; other officials of
7 the Department of the Interior Matthew Novick, Hugh Gallagher, William
8 Bettenburg, and Larry Meierotto; Captain Weis, Officer-in-Charge of
9 Construction, Guam; Trust Territory High Commissioner Adrian P. Winkel; Trust
10 Territory Budget Officer Haruo N. Willter; Trust Territory Planning and
11 Statistics Officer Michael Rody; the President of the Federated States of
12 Micronesia; the Director of each Department and Executive Office of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia; the Governors and State Legislatures of the
14 four States of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Chairman of the
15 Commission on Future Political Status and Transition and the Washington
16 Liaison Officer.

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18 Adopted: October 31, 1979

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