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PETITION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS

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House of Representatives
SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. Box 586
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

9 June 1981

The President
United Nations Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of House resolution 128 "A House Resolution respectfully requesting the United Nations Trusteeship Council to ask the Government of the United States of America to honour its moral commitment and legal obligation to the Government and citizens of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth immediately to commence implementation of the Food Stamp Program in the Northern Marianas", adopted by the House of Representatives, Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, third regular session, 1981.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Esteban I. PANGELINAN
Clerk
House of Representatives

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SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE RESOLUTION 128

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1981

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the United Nations Trusteeship Council to ask the Government of the United States of America to honour its moral commitment and legal obligation to the Government and citizens of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth immediately to commence implementation of the Food Stamp Program in the Northern Marianas.

WHEREAS, the Northern Marianas was partly induced to enter a political relationship of Commonwealth with the United States by a promise of better life and living standards; and

WHEREAS, the Food Stamp Program was often cited and offered as typical of the kind of federal assistance the people of the Northern Marianas would receive from the United States Government if they approved the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America; 1/ and

WHEREAS shortly after the Commonwealth Covenant went into effect on 9 January 1978, 2/ the Northern Marianas Government approved a policy to implement the Food Stamp Program in such a way as not only to meet better the nutritional needs of its citizens but also to promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Marianas Government, in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture, has invested time, effort and money in designing a programme that would meet this twofold policy; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Food Stamp Program has been delayed by the Reagan Administration until it has completed a review of the federal impact of the programme; and

WHEREAS, because of its fiscal policies and general attitude about poor people, the House of Representatives is fearful that the Reagan Administration may disapprove or delay indefinitely the implementation of the Food Stamp Program; and

WHEREAS, disapproval or indefinite delay by the United States Government of the implementation of the Food Stamp Program in the Northern Marianas would constitute, in the eyes of the people and Government of the Northern Marianas, a serious

1/ For the text of the Covenant, see Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Forty-second Session, Sessional Fascicle, annexes, document T/1759.

2/ The Covenant went into effect on 24 March 1976; officials elected under the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands were sworn into office on 9 January 1978.

violation of the spirit and letter of the "Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Second Northern Marianas Legislature, third regular session, 1981, that the United Nations Trusteeship Council is hereby respectfully requested to ask the United States Government to honour and carry out its moral commitment and legal obligation to the people and Government of the Northern Marianas immediately to commence implementation of the Food Stamp Program in the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives support any legal recourse by the Northern Marianas Government to force the United States Government to implement the Food Stamp Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker certify and the Clerk attest to the adoption of this resolution and that certified copies be transmitted to the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the Chairmen of the United States House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Secretary of Agriculture; the Administrator of the Food Stamp Program; the Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs; the Secretary of the Interior; and Washington Representative Edward DLG. Pangelinan.

Adopted: 29 May 1981

(Signed) Joaquin I. PANGELINAN
Speaker of the House

ATTESTED:

(Signed) Esteban I. PANGELINAN
House Clerk
