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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONCERNING THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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THE SENATE

CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

Capitol Hill, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950

11 September 1974

President
United Nations Trusteeship Council
United Nations Headquarters
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Senate resolution No. 14, which
was adopted by the Senate of the Fifth Congress of Micronesia, First Special
Session, 1974.

(Signed) F. Sabo ULECHONG
Clerk of the Senate

FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1974

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

A SENATE RESOLUTION

Urging the immediate reinstatement of Roger L. St. Pierre, Esq., as the Chief Public Defender of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

WHEREAS, Roger L. St. Pierre, Esq., has served the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, in the course of such service, Mr. St. Pierre has proven himself a man of high moral qualities, a man devoted to the rule of law, and a man devoted to assisting the people of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Roger L. St. Pierre has built an extremely effective public defender system and established it as part of the cornerstone of the present legal system in Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, despite extreme adverse conditions and lack of support from various departments and divisions of the Administration in the past, Mr. St. Pierre and his office continued to offer skillful and articulate legal advice, testimony before legislative bodies and administrative hearings, and consultation with members of the Administration, Congress, and the various districts and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Trust Territory Government caused the removal of Mr. St. Pierre on specified grounds; and

WHEREAS, after extensive hearings, an Administrative Law Judge of the Department of the Interior recommended that removal of Roger L. St. Pierre as Chief Public Defender of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was extreme and unwarranted and advised against his termination; and

WHEREAS, the Trust Territory Government has chosen to ignore these recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge and has taken the extreme course of terminating Mr. St. Pierre as Chief Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress of Micronesia that the functions of the Office of Public Defender are critical to the people of Micronesia and that the continued suspension of Mr. St. Pierre has caused an interruption in the effective functioning of that office and loss of valuable legal advice to citizens of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, Fifth Congress of Micronesia, First Special Session, 1974, that the Senate hereby expresses its support of and confidence in Roger L. St. Pierre, Esq., and urges his immediate reinstatement as Chief Public Defender of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the Chairman of the United States Congress House and Senate Committees on Territorial and Insular Affairs, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory and Roger L. St. Pierre, Esq.

Adopted: 9 August 1974
