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Commission on Decolonization Resolution on Bill 247

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Please the attached Commission on Decolonization's Resolution that was approved during the Commission's regular meeting held March 13, 2018.

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COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION RESOLUTION ON BILL 247

WHEREAS, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 is an example of the disabling limitations of our unincorporated status and is indicative of the urgent need for decolonization.

WHEREAS, it is imperative the Commission remains a priority during these "times of scarce resources" as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

WHEREAS, Public Law 23-147 created the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self-Determination.

WHEREAS, the Commission is composed of 11 members of the community, to include: one representative from each task forces advocating for their respective status option, representatives from the Legislature, Mayors' Council and Youth Congress, the Governor of Guam as Chairman, and his appointed members.

WHEREAS, since the Commission was relaunched in 2011 after a period of inactivity, the Commission and its respective task forces have conducted various educational and outreach programs such as meetings, rallies, and seminars in an effort to inform the public about the decolonization process and the three status options available: Free Association, Independence and Statehood.

WHEREAS, since the Commission was relaunched, for the first time in nearly two decades, local funding has been available for the Commission to move forward with the education process. The Commission also has a $300,000 grant from the Department of Interior.

WHEREAS, the Commission is currently pursuing a self-determination study and a social media marketing plan which will positively impact the education process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commission wishes to express that now be the time to prioritize the education efforts and work of the Commission on Decolonization.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION ON MARCH 13, 2018

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo
Chairman