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Håfa Adai Governor:

In 2016, we celebrated the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts together, recognizing the importance of our island culture and heritage. Last May, when Guam hosted the Micronesian Islands Forum, we came together to discuss issues we face within the Western Pacific. It is clear that our islands have a close connection: we not only share an ocean, but a common history. We also shared a common dream: one of self-determination. While decolonization for many of the islands within Micronesia have become a reality, Guam has not reached this goal. As *I Maga'Lahen Guahan*, it is my hope that achieving self-determination will soon become a reality for my island as well.

As we approach the 23rd Micronesian Islands Forum, I request the addition of "Decolonization" on the agenda. I believe engaging in discussion with our sister islands who have chosen their political future will help guide Guam towards its decolonization.

Senseramente,

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