

## **DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BILL 247**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is 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 by Governor Calvo 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.

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

**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**, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 demonstrates the importance of the Commission on Decolonization and the need to achieve self-determination.