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RELATIVE TO REQUESTING CONGRESSIONAL  
SUPPORT FOR THE ON-FARM ALTERNATIVE  
ENERGY POLICY ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS  
INCLUDING THE APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT  
ON GUAM FOR OCEAN POWER TECHNOLOGY

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2       **WHEREAS**, Guam's Northern and Southern Conservation  
3 Districts are members of the National Association of Conservation  
4 Districts, an organization comprised of the more than 3,000  
5 Conservation Districts within the United States and the territories;  
6 and

7       **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Conservation Districts  
8 is the voice of the nation's 3,000 Conservation Districts and 17,000  
9 men and women who serve on their governing boards; working with  
10 land owners, other organizations and agency partners to protect our

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1 nation's soil, water, forest, wildlife and other resources for over 60  
2 years; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the National Association of  
4 Conservation Districts is to enable conservation districts to pool their  
5 resources to accomplish collectively-what would be difficult or  
6 impossible to accomplish individually; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the goals of the National Association of  
8 Conservation Districts are to represent districts as their national voice  
9 on conservation issues; provide useful information to conservation  
10 districts and their state associations; build partnerships with federal  
11 and state agencies and other organizations in order to carry out  
12 district priorities and programs; analyze programs and policy issues  
13 that have an impact on local districts; and to offer needed and cost-  
14 effective services to districts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the National Association of Conservation Districts  
16 has approved a policy in support for On-Farm Alternative Energy  
17 Production through resolution adopted as follows:

18 **"NACD Seek Support for On-Farm Alternative Energy**  
19 **Production**

1 Farmers are recognizing an emerging energy crisis as  
2 increasing fuel cost and declining supply will have an adverse  
3 effect on production agriculture. The continued energy impact  
4 may reach proportions equaling the Dust Bowl Era.

5 Conservation districts were instrumental in solving the Dust  
6 Bow crisis.

7 NACD is currently working on alternative energy programs  
8 such as biomass, solar and wind power for farms and ranches.

9 Conservation districts in Alaska, Hawaii and the Pacific  
10 Islands, surrounded by vast areas of oceans, are exploring the  
11 use of waves, tides and geothermal energy for farms and  
12 ranches. Technology is available that utilizes ocean-going  
13 buoys to capture and convert wave energy into a controlled  
14 mechanical force to drive electrical generators. As compared to  
15 conventional energy production, ocean-power technology is  
16 less costly, easier to scale to accommodate changing needs,  
17 does not require valuable real estate and does not generate  
18 noise or visual pollution or disturbances.

19 NACD shall seek support from Congress to provide incentives  
20 to and to receive funding for developing and refining  
21 alternative energy systems for farms in the United States.

1 NACD encourages recognition of these unique areas of the  
2 United States as ideal for research into this technology and  
3 supports the development of a demonstration project in Guam  
4 to develop ocean power technology for agriculture.”; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the people of Guam, through the members of  
7 I Liheslaturan Guahan hereby request Congressional support and  
8 approval of federal funding to support a demonstration project in  
9 Guam; and be it, further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative  
11 Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
12 transmitted to the National Association of Conservation Societies, the  
13 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President  
14 Pro-Tem of the United States Senate, to Congresswoman Madeleine  
15 Z. Bordallo, the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior,  
16 the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, the  
17 Secretary of the United States Department of Energy, and to Felix P.  
18 Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guahan*.

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