

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the appreciation of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for the decision of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii to again accept Micronesian clients, and to Mr. Chuck Greenfield for his continuing assistance to Micronesians in Hawaii

1           WHEREAS, the number of Micronesian residents in Hawaii is  
2 increasing;

3           WHEREAS, the Micronesian residents of Hawaii are in need of  
4 the kind of legal services provided by the Legal Aid Society of  
5 Hawaii ("Hawaii Legal Aid");

6           WHEREAS, a decade ago, the Legal Services Corp., the federal  
7 agency that provides major funding for the organization,  
8 determined that Freely-Associated-States citizens were not  
9 eligible to be clients of Hawaii Legal Aid;

10          WHEREAS, Hawaii Legal Aid, and its Executive Director, Mr.  
11 Chuck Greenfield fought hard to restore the eligibility of  
12 Micronesians for free legal services;

13          WHEREAS, in July 28, 2007, the Board of the Legal Services  
14 Corp., voted unanimously to restore the eligibility of FAS  
15 citizens;

16          WHEREAS, that vote means that Micronesians in Hawaii and  
17 elsewhere in the United states will be able to receive help from  
18 Hawaii Legal Aid, and other Legal Aid Society offices; now,  
19 therefore

1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congress of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia hereby expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the  
3 Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and of Mr. Chuck Greenfield, its  
4 Executive Director, for their efforts in reinstating the  
5 eligibility of Micronesians for legal aid and their continuing  
6 assistance to Micronesia.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
9 of Micronesia, the Governor of each State, and the US Embassy.

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11 Date: 5/27/08

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka  
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