

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to organize a public education campaign to educate and inform the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, especially the youth, in the history and terms of, and their specific rights under, the Compact of Free Association between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America.

1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the
2 United States of America (United States) first entered into a
3 Compact of Free Association in 1986 (Compact I), and most recently
4 entered into an Amended Compact of Free Association (Amended
5 Compact) in 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Amended Compact, the
7 FSM receives substantial economic assistance from the United
8 States through the year 2023, with a goal towards greater
9 budgetary self-reliance for the FSM; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States provides security and defense for
11 the FSM and in exchange the FSM grants to the United States
12 certain operating rights in the FSM, including option to deny
13 military access to FSM territory by other nations; and

14 WHEREAS, FSM citizens enjoy many rights under the Amended
15 Compact, including but not limited to: the right to enter, to
16 engage in occupations, and to establish residence as a
17 nonimmigrant in the United States;

18 WHEREAS, a comprehensive progress review of the Amended
19 Compact is completed every five years by the United States

1 pursuant to U.S. Public Law No. 108-188, and a comprehensive
2 review is concurrently being prepared by the FSM Office of
3 Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact
4 Management (SBOC) for submission to the United States Congress in
5 Spring 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, in the twenty-four years since Compact I was
7 entered into, many changes have occurred in the political,
8 economic and social climate of the FSM, and a new generation has
9 come of age without direct knowledge of the history of the
10 relations between the FSM and the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, all FSM citizens will benefit from a public
12 education campaign to update citizens on the implications of being
13 in a Compact of Free Association with the United States, the
14 findings of the comprehensive progress review of the Amended
15 Compact, a review of FSM citizen rights under the Amended Compact,
16 and information on what the future holds for FSM relations with
17 the United States after 2023; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2010, that Congress
20 respectfully requests the President of the Federated States of
21 Micronesia to organize a public education campaign to update and
22 inform citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, especially
23 the youth, on the history and terms of, and the rights of citizens
24 under, the Compact of Free Association; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this

1 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
2 States of Micronesia.

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4 Date: 5/11/10

Introduced by: /s/ Dohsis Halbert

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