

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sadness and condolences of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of Fidel Castro.

1           WHEREAS, Fidel Castro passed away on November 25, 2016; and

2           WHEREAS, the late Fidel Castro governed the Republic of Cuba  
3 as Prime Minister from 1959 to 1976 and as President from 1976 to  
4 2008; and

5           WHEREAS, among many tributes to the late Fidel Castro, the  
6 current President of the United Nations General Assembly H.E.  
7 Peter Thomson stated the following: "Fidel Castro was one of the  
8 iconic leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. With a great love for his  
9 homeland and the Cuban people, he dedicated his life to their  
10 welfare and development. A tireless advocate for equity in the  
11 international arena, Fidel Castro was an inspirational figure for  
12 developing countries in particular. His dedication to their  
13 advancement, especially in the fields of education and health,  
14 would be long remembered"; and

15           WHEREAS, under the late Fidel Castro, the Republic of Cuba  
16 had friendly relations with the Federated States of Micronesia,  
17 which culminated in establishing formal diplomatic relations  
18 between the two countries in September 2015; and

19           WHEREAS, the Members of the Nineteenth Congress of the  
20 Federated States of Micronesia join people, friends and colleagues  
21 from around the world in mourning the passing of Fidel Castro;

1 now, therefore,

2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated  
3 States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2016, wishes to  
4 express its sadness and condolences the passing of Fidel Castro;  
5 and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
8 of Micronesia and the Department of External Affairs.

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10 Date: 12/16/16

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