

A RESOLUTION

To amend section 1 of rule 6, and to create a new section 8 of rule 7 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, to remove a portion of the duties of the Committee on Resources and Development, and to create a new standing committee entitled: "Environmental Affairs".

1           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and;  
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4           WHEREAS, rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure  
5 stipulates that a motion is required to amend the said rules;  
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7           WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and  
8 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of  
9 Procedure; and

10          WHEREAS, section 1 of rule 6 as currently written sets  
11 forth that the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
12 shall have seven standing committees; and

13          WHEREAS, the Members of the Nineteenth Congress of the  
14 Federated States of Micronesia desire that an eighth standing  
15 committee be created, entitled: "Environmental Affairs"; and

16          WHEREAS, the Members of the Nineteenth Congress of the  
17 Federated States of Micronesia strongly believe that matters  
18 pertaining to climate change, sustainable use of resources,  
19 protection of the natural environment and health of all living

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1 things require the special dedication and oversight, and can  
2 not be properly dealt with under the larger rubric of the  
3 Standing Committee for Resources and Development; now,  
4 therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated  
6 States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017 that  
7 Congress hereby adopts amendments to section 1 of rule 6, and a  
8 new section 8 of rule 7 of the Official Rules of Procedure to  
9 read as follows:

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12 [~~seven~~] eight standing committees established by the  
13 Rules. The standing committees shall be organized  
14 pursuant to Rules 6 and 7. Special committees shall  
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17 Rule 7 to be amended to create a new Section 8, to  
18 read as follows:

19 "Section 8. Environmental Affairs.

20 (a) The Committee on Environmental Affairs  
21 shall consist of not more than seven members with at  
22 least one member from each of the four states. It  
23 shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and  
24 report on all bills, resolutions, and other matters  
25 referred to it regarding the health and protection of

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1           the natural environment of the Federated States of  
2           Micronesia. It shall be the specific duty of this  
3           committee to consider, investigate, and recommend to  
4           Congress any needed revisions of existing laws or new  
5           legislation relation to the mitigation and adaptation  
6           to climate change, protection and conservation of the  
7           natural environment and the health and sustainability  
8           of the practices that impact the environment.

9                    (b) This committee shall be responsible,  
10           for reviewing specific subjects in the budget of  
11           the President, and all supplements thereto,  
12           which make a request for an appropriation, with  
13           relates to a subject matter within its  
14           jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the  
15           committee shall recommend whether the matters  
16           referred to it, or portions thereof, will be  
17           authorized, and if so, in what amount.

18           Following its review the Committee shall  
19           promptly report its recommendation the Congress.  
20           Those subjects which fall with the jurisdiction  
21           of this committee include, but are not limited  
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(i) Office of Environment of  
Emergency Management."

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