

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to call upon the Department of Justice and the Department of Foreign Affairs to immediately collaborate with one another and with the Government of Vietnam, to arrange for the Government of Vietnam to pay the costs associated with the repatriation of Vietnamese citizens who have been arrested and detained for unlawful entry into the Federated States of Micronesia and the waters controlled by the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the cost of detaining Vietnamese citizens in
2 detention facilities operated by the Federated States of
3 Micronesia imposes a financial burden on the Government of the
4 Federated States of Micronesia; and

5 WHEREAS, the cost of repatriating Vietnamese citizens who
6 unlawfully enter the Federated States of Micronesia and its
7 controlled waters also imposes a financial burden on the
8 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

9 WHEREAS, in a previous instance wherein approximately 100
10 Vietnamese fishermen were repatriated after being arrested for
11 unlawfully fishing in waters controlled by the Federated States of
12 Micronesia, the full cost of such repatriation was borne by the
13 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

14 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia presently lacks a
15 policy to require the Government of Vietnam to contribute toward
16 the costs of repatriating Vietnamese citizens who unlawfully enter
17 the Federated States of Micronesia and its controlled waters; and

1 WHEREAS, the interests of the Government of the Federated
2 States of Micronesia would be best served by developing a policy
3 to require the Government of Vietnam to pay for the costs of
4 repatriating Vietnamese citizens who unlawfully enter the
5 Federated States of Micronesia and its controlled waters; now,
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated
8 States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2016, that Congress
9 requests that the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
10 calls upon the Department of Justice and the Department of Foreign
11 Affairs to immediately collaborate with one another and with the
12 Government of Vietnam, to arrange for the Government of Vietnam to
13 pay the costs associated with the repatriation of Vietnamese
14 citizens who have been arrested and detained for unlawful entry
15 into the Federated States of Micronesia and the waters controlled
16 by the Federated States of Micronesia; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution
18 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
19 Micronesia.

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21 Dated: 7/25/16

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