
A RESOLUTION

Expressing support of Federated States of Micronesia's formal application for membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

1 WHEREAS, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher
2 Education (WICHE) is a regional non-profit organization created
3 by the Western Regional Education Compact, adopted in the
4 1950's by Western states; and

5 WHEREAS, WICHE was created to facilitate resource sharing
6 among the higher education systems of the West; and

7 WHEREAS sixteen Western states comprise WICHE, namely: New
8 Mexico, Montana, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Wyoming,
9 Idaho, Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, Hawaii, North
10 Dakota, South Dakota, U.S. Pacific Territories & Freely
11 Associated States (FAS); and

12 WHEREAS, WICHE and its 16-member states work to improve
13 access to higher education and ensure student success through
14 student exchange programs, regional initiatives, and its
15 research and policy work allow the organization to assist
16 constituents throughout the West and beyond; and

17 WHEREAS, becoming a full member of WICHE will greatly
18 benefit the FSM through reduced tuition fees in more than 145
19 participating WICHE institutions;

20 WHEREAS, the FSM could also benefit from WICHE resources

1 in policy development, workforce development, technology,
2 health and other areas as a result of WICHE membership; and

3 WHEREAS, the FSM could similarly benefit from students of
4 WICHE states who come to study in the FSM; now, therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2018, that the FSM
7 Congress is in support of the efforts of the Executive in
8 seeking formal membership of WICHE; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
11 States of Micronesia.

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13 Date: 9/20/18

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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