

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to revisit the housing regulations of the National Government and make necessary amendments thereto consistent with the government's policy to provide equal employment opportunity to all employees of the National Government.

1           WHEREAS, the FSM Housing Regulations ("the Regulations")  
2 provide housing allowance to certain employees of the National  
3 Government; and

4           WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 12A.2 of the Regulations, employees  
5 who are local hires or whose salaries are below pay level 26 are  
6 not eligible for housing allowance; and

7           WHEREAS, that particular policy was adopted and has been in  
8 effect since July 1, 1992; and

9           WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Congress that  
10 certain National Government employees (including COM-FSM graduates  
11 from the outer islands of Pohnpei, the States of Yap, Chuuk and  
12 Kosrae), who applied for jobs in the National Government on  
13 Pohnpei Island and whose pay levels are below pay level 26 have  
14 been denied housing allowance; and

15           WHEREAS, it has also come to the attention of the Congress  
16 that certain National Government employees and officials, who are  
17 from the outer islands of Chuuk and Yap but reside in the state  
18 centers because of their jobs, have also been denied housing  
19 allowance; and

20           WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress that such housing

1 policy appears inconsistent with the government's personnel policy  
2 to provide equal opportunity to all applicants seeking employment  
3 with the National Government; and

4 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing reasons and information,  
5 it is in the interest of the National Government that the housing  
6 policy be revisited; now, therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated  
8 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2004, that the  
9 President is hereby requested to revisit the housing policy of the  
10 National Government in an effort to make it consistent with the  
11 government's policy for equal employment opportunity and to  
12 encourage qualified applicants from as wide as possible a cross-  
13 section of the population of the Federated States of Micronesia to  
14 accept government employment;

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

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19 Date: 5/31/04

Introduced by: /s/ Jack Fritz  
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