

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Merchants of the Federated States of Micronesia to stop the importation of certain brands of rice that are detrimental to the health of the people of the FSM into the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, based on a report in the January/February 2007
2 Pacific Magazine some brands of enriched rice commonly sold in the
3 Pacific do not contain the nutrients indicated on their labels;
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5 WHEREAS, Dr. Racheal Leon Guerrero at the University of Guam
6 ordered some nutrient analysis from the U.S. Department of
7 Agriculture laboratories in Virginia for one brand of rice and
8 subsequently found discrepancies between the claims of the rice
9 packaging, and the actual contents; and

10 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory in
11 Virginia further performed a series of analyses on rice samples of
12 eleven (11) other brands submitted to them by Dr. Rachael Leon
13 Guerrero and determined they do not meet the enrichment standard
14 minimum and were below nutritional content indicated on their
15 packages: and

16 WHEREAS, such brands of rice include Hakubai Sweet Rice,
17 Safeway medium grain, Safeway Calrose, Diamon G Calrose, Diamond G
18 Calrose (short), Pacific Pride Calrose, Guam Rose Calrose, Royal
19 Phoenix Jasmine, Ko Ko Jasmine Fragrant, Ho Mai Calrose, Dynasty
20 Jasmine and Maruyu; and

21 WHEREAS, importation of brands of rice not containing

1 nutritional content indicated on their packages is detrimental to
2 the health of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia and
3 those residing in this nation; now, therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
5 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2007, that the
6 Congress hereby requests the merchants of the Federated States
7 of Micronesia to stop the importation of such brands of rice
8 into the FSM; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
11 States of Micronesia and the Governor of each state.

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13 Date: 1/12/07

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