

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to make an immediate review of the criminal records of all FSM citizens who have already successfully completed the terms of their sentencing to determine if they might be eligible to receive a Presidential Pardon and have their criminal records expunged.

1           WHEREAS, some FSM citizens have successfully completed the  
2 terms of their sentencing as administered by the Courts of the  
3 Federated States of Micronesia and returned to be effective,  
4 viable and sustaining members of our community; and

5           WHEREAS, some FMS citizens with a criminal past have put the  
6 past behind them and are living a clean present and should have  
7 the opportunity for continued future growth and advancement; and

8           WHEREAS, a criminal record will stand as an impediment to  
9 the growth and future advancement to those effective, viable and  
10 sustaining members of our community with a criminal past; and

11           WHEREAS, it is necessary during this season of forgiveness,  
12 rebirth and national prayer to give the FSM citizens who are  
13 attempting to change their lives a fresh start; and

14           WHEREAS, some criminal infractions might be deemed worthy of  
15 forgiveness and Presidential Pardon during this period of  
16 forgiveness, rebirth and national prayer; now, therefore

17           BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated  
18 States of Micronesia, that the Congress hereby requests the  
19 President of the Federated States of Micronesia to make an  
20 immediate review of the records of those who have successfully

1 completed the terms of their sentencing to determine if they might  
2 be eligible for a Presidential pardon to coincide with this season  
3 of forgiveness, rebirth and national prayer so that they might  
4 have a fresh start with continued growth and advancement without  
5 the impediment of a criminal history; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 resolution be transmitted to the Governors of the states, Chief  
8 Justice of the FSM Supreme Court and the Secretary of the  
9 Department of Justice.

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11 Date: 12/9/09

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