

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor of the State of Hawaii, to authorize the Hawaii Department of Motor Vehicles to initiate the process of administering the motor vehicle written test in the Yapese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian and Kosraean languages.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is now home to a large
2 Micronesian population numbering in the thousands; and

3 WHEREAS, many of the Micronesians in Hawaii are already
4 licensed to operate motor vehicles and have the skills, knowledge
5 and experience necessary to safely operate an automobile; and

6 WHEREAS, many Micronesians in Hawaii fail the Hawaii written
7 driver's test due simply to language difficulty and many more
8 choose not to seek a Hawaii driver's license at all due to the
9 language of the written test; and

10 WHEREAS, Micronesian citizens' troubles with the police are
11 largely due to lack of Hawaii driver's licenses, therefore these
12 troubles would be greatly mitigated by offering the test in the
13 major Micronesian languages; and

14 WHEREAS, immigrants of other backgrounds are fortunate
15 enough to have their language needs accommodated during motor
16 vehicle testing by the State of Hawaii; now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2010, that the
19 Congress requests the Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor of Hawaii,
20 to authorize the Hawaii Department of Motor Vehicles to initiate

1 the process of administering the motor vehicle written test in the
2 Yapese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, and Kosraean languages; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
4 resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii,
5 the Honorable Glenn Wakai of the Hawaii State House of
6 Representatives, the Honorable Kalani English of the Hawaii State
7 Senate, the Governors of the four FSM states, the Director of
8 Public Safety in each of the four FSM states, and the Chief of the
9 FSM National Police.

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11 Date: 9/20/10

Introduced by: /s/ Setiro Paul
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