

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-48

RE: C.R. NO. 18-44/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FROM THE
U.S. INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2013

Dear Speaker,

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-44 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000 FROM THE UNITED
STATES INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES, TO
FUND THE FSM NATIONAL AND STATE LIBRARIES, INCLUDING
ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE."

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

The resolution would approve funding to assist the libraries
across all four States at both the National and State level
to join in an online database to share information and
resources.

Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the
Committee on External Affairs on September 25, 2013. In
attendance were representatives from the Department of
Health and Social Affairs, the Department of Foreign
Affairs, the Office of National Archives Culture & Historic

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Preservation, the Department of Finance, SBOC, the
Department of Justice and the Office of President.

The Acting Director of the Office of National Archives
Culture & Historic Preservation advised your Committee that
the grant would provide funding to assist libraries
throughout the Nation to join in an online database so they
may share data and information with other libraries in the
Federated States of Micronesia. With the proposed funding
the Acting Director expected to be able to provide software
to libraries to begin this project.

The Acting Director confirmed that the Congress library will
be a part of the project proposed to be funded out of this
grant. It is also the intention, under this proposed
project, to bring in underutilized library space and
introduce our public to better means of electronic library
research.

Your Committee is satisfied regarding the overall positive
impact this grant would have on education, government and
civil society. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs
is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-44,
and on concurrence with your Committee on External Affairs
recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Tony H. Otto, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
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