

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-50

RE: C.R. NO. 18-49/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT FROM
UNESCO TO FUND THE POHNPEI AND KOSRAE
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES

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. 18-49 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$7,000 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, TO FUND THE
POHNPEI STATE AND KOSRAE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION
OFFICES, 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 make a joint
(serial) nomination application for Nan Madol and Lelu ruins
to be listed as World Heritage sites.

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 for a contractor to make a
detailed application for nomination of Nan Madol and the
Lelu ruins as World Heritage sites.

With the proposed funding the Acting Director expected to be
able to submit the application for nomination as World
Heritage sites within a matter of months. He also commented
that after submission of our application there was no
estimate as to how long the evaluation process might take.

The members of your Committee are very supportive of the
efforts of Acting Director and his staff to nominate some of
our cultural treasures as World Heritage sites. The
Committee believes that this is important both for promotion
of tourism, but also to ensure interest and funding for the
preservation of our most precious cultural artifacts.

Your Committee is satisfied regarding the overall positive
impact this grant would have on tourism and the preservation
of our cultural heritage. Your Committee on Health and
Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of
C.R. No. 18-49, and on concurrence of 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
Yosiwo P. George, member

Peter M. Christian, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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