

A RESOLUTION

Endorsing the membership of the Federated States of Micronesia in the University of the South Pacific.

1 WHEREAS, the University of the South Pacific was established
2 by Royal Charter in 1968, originally comprised of the Governments
3 of the British Solomon Islands, Fiji the and Gilbert (Kiribati),
4 Ellice Islands (Tuvalu), and the New Hebrides (Vanuatu), along
5 with the Governments of the Cook Islands, the Republic of Nauru,
6 Niue, the Tokelau Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the
7 Independent State of Western Samoa (Samoa); and

8 WHEREAS, the University of the South Pacific's objective has
9 been the maintenance, advancement and dissemination of knowledge
10 by teaching, consultancy, research, and providing appropriate
11 levels of education and training responsive to the wellbeing and
12 needs of the communities in the Pacific Region; and

13 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia previously
14 benefited from the University of the South Pacific's programs by
15 sending Micronesian students, over the years, mostly to the
16 Laucala (Fiji) and Emalus (Vanuatu) Campuses with preferred degree
17 programs in law, commerce, arts, and science, however, it is not
18 taking full advantage from the University's services due to lack
19 of membership; and

1 WHEREAS, membership will bring co-ownership status, which
2 entails the availability of cost-effective tertiary education to
3 Micronesian students and taking greater role in the University of
4 the South Pacific's governance and policymaking initiatives; now,
5 therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated
7 States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2015, that the
8 Congress is hereby endorses the Nation's membership in the
9 University of the South Pacific; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FSM Congress is committed to
11 appropriating the necessary funds entailed by the membership; and

12 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
14 of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department Education.

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16 Date: 11/17/15

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