

A RESOLUTION

Commending the Supreme Court of United States for reaffirming equal treatment before the law, a value that is shared by the Federated States of Micronesia, in the recent decision in Obergefell v. Hodges.

1           WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution of the Federated  
2 States of Micronesia lists love as one of four principles that  
3 we extend and seek from other counties; and

4           WHEREAS, Article IV of the Constitution of the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia guarantees equal protection of the law;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of  
8 Micronesia values equal treatment before the law as a keystone  
9 to democracy; and

10           WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United  
11 States issued its decision in Obergefell v. Hodges that  
12 reaffirmed equal treatment before the law; and

13           WHEREAS, our Nation share the values enunciated by the  
14 Supreme Court of the United States in the Obergefell v. Hodges  
15 decision which states, "no union is more profound than  
16 marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity,  
17 devotion, sacrifice, and family."; and

18           WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States' decision  
19 prevents discriminatory treatment of same sex couples to marry

1 and grants them "equal dignity in the eyes of the law."; and

2       WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States  
3 of Micronesia shares the tradition and values of treating  
4 citizens equal before the law with the United States of America  
5 and would like to commend the U.S. Supreme Court for  
6 reaffirming this important principle; now, therefore,

7       BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated  
8 States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2015, that  
9 Congress hereby commends the Supreme Court of United States for  
10 reaffirming equal treatment before the law in the recent  
11 landmark decision Obergefell v. Hodges; and

12       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 resolution be transmitted to President of the Federated States  
14 of Micronesia, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

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16 Date: 7/14/15

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