

A RESOLUTION

Declaring the importance of Information and Communications Technology and broadband telecommunications to the economic and social development of the Federated States of Micronesia and designating broadband submarine fiber optics capacity as critical infrastructure for the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia ("FSM") embraces
2 and supports the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) adopted by
3 189 countries of the United Nations in 2000; and

4 WHEREAS, the FSM understands the critical importance of
5 Information and Communication Technology ("ICT") to achieve the
6 MDGs and to further the social and economic development of the
7 country; and

8 WHEREAS, the FSM acknowledges that the countries of the world
9 are seeking to implement broadband telecommunications capacity and
10 policy and regulatory reform as part of their ICT development
11 strategy; and

12 WHEREAS, the FSM understands how broadband telecommunications
13 and submarine fiber capacity are important to "e-" business,
14 government, economic development, education, and health care; and

15 WHEREAS, the FSM seeks to ensure that all states and peoples
16 of the FSM have access to broadband telecommunication services and
17 capacity in order to lessen the inequities of the digital divide
18 both internationally and nationally; and

19 WHEREAS, the FSM is aware that the Pacific Islands of Palau,
20 Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu and others have introduced competition
21 and liberalization of telecommunications; and

1 WHEREAS, the FSM has been cognizant of the benefits of
2 competition in the U.S. territories of American Samoa and Guam and
3 the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; and

4 WHEREAS, broadband telecommunications capacity through
5 submarine fiber optics is a critical infrastructure for the
6 Federated States of Micronesia; and

7 WHEREAS, Congress endorses the Directive of the President and
8 the efforts of the Departments of Transportation, Communications
9 and Infrastructure and Foreign Affairs to develop a plan for
10 broadband submarine fiber optics capacity as priority
11 infrastructure to interconnect all states of the FSM; and

12 WHEREAS, that Congress encourages the Executive Branch of the
13 National Government to develop plans, solicit financial
14 assistance, and undertake all appropriate actions to ensure that
15 all states have access to broadband and SFOC capacity; and

16 WHEREAS, that the Executive Branch of the National Government
17 prepares and submits a National ICT Plan for the Federated States
18 of Micronesia by the end of Calendar Year 2008 that addresses the
19 policy, regulatory, technology, and management of
20 telecommunications and ICT for government and public services;
21 now, therefore

22 BE IT RESOLVED that the Fifteenth Congress urges the
23 President to direct the appropriate authority at the National
24 Government to develop, study, plan, and come up with
25 recommendations to transform telecommunications and ICT to be a

1 vibrant infrastructure for the economic and social development of
2 the FSM; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
4 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
5 of Micronesia and the Governors of each of the State.

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7 Date: 3/31/08

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