

FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1979

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-47

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing and directing the Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs to conduct a study of alternatives to referring patients to hospitals in Guam, Honolulu, or San Francisco.

1 **WHEREAS, the referral of medical patients from the Federated States**
2 **of Micronesia to hospitals in Guam, Honolulu, and San Francisco consumes**
3 **several hundred thousand dollars each fiscal year; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the costs of such referrals are escalating at an alarming**
5 **rate as the costs of hospital and medical care respond to inflationary**
6 **forces in the American economy; and**

7 **WHEREAS, it is the sense of the First Congress of the Federated States**
8 **of Micronesia that substantially lower cost alternatives may be available,**
9 **with no reduction in the quality of care provided, at hospitals within the**
10 **Pacific region; now, therefore,**

11 **BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of**
12 **Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1979, that the Standing Committee on**
13 **Health, Education and Social Affairs is hereby authorized and directed to**
14 **conduct a study on the availability of hospital and medical services in**
15 **the Pacific region for patients who would otherwise have to be referred**
16 **to hospitals in Guam, Honolulu, or San Francisco; such study to include**
17 **but not be limited to the consideration of the costs involved, the quality**
18 **of the facilities and services available, and the social factors involved**
19 **in establishing a referral program with hospitals in various countries;**
20 **and**

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be**
22 **transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the**

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1 Director of External Affairs, the Director of Social Services, the High
2 Commissioner, the Trust Territory Director of Health Services, and the
3 United States Department of State Liaison Officer.

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5 Adopted: October 22, 1979

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