AN ACT

To further amend title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by further amending section 164 thereof, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 9-155 and 10-62, for the purpose of creating a salary differential for sea duty, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Section 164 of title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 9-155 and 10-62, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 164. Differentials. To compensate for unusual circumstances of employment which create hardships for public service employees, the following differentials are provided for them; provided that in no case may an employee receive differentials under both subsections (1) and (2) of this section:

(1) Night work differential. An employee whose tour of duty includes regularly scheduled hours falling between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. shall be paid a differential of fifteen percent of the adjusted base salary for all hours falling within that period.

(2) Hazardous work differential. An employee whose position entails unusual and extreme hazards to his health or safety shall be paid a differential of twenty-five percent of the adjusted base salary for all hours in which hazardous work is performed.

(3) Overtime differential. If an employee is eligible to receive overtime compensation under section 509 of title 52, he shall be paid overtime compensation at the rate of time and one-half of his adjusted base salary for all time when he is directed to work and does work in excess of eight hours in one day; or when he is directed to work and does work on the sixth or seventh day of the work week; provided that he has first worked forty hours at straight time
in the same work week; and provided further, that
overtime work performed on a holiday shall be subject
to subsection (4) of this section.

(4) Holiday differential. An employee who is
required to work on a legal holiday shall be
compensated at double his adjusted base salary for all
such hours worked.

(5) Typhoon emergency differential. Employees
who are required to work in a location and a period in
which a typhoon or other natural catastrophe has been
declared by competent authority, and in which other
Government employees are released from work because of
such conditions, shall be compensated for the hours
worked while such emergency remains in force at the
rate of two and one-half times the adjusted base
salary. The differential provided in this subsection
shall not limit the employee’s right to any other
differential or allowance to which he may otherwise be
entitled by law or regulations.

(6) Sea duty differential. An employee of the
Maritime Wing of the National Police shall be paid his
adjusted base salary plus a differential of ten
percent of his adjusted base salary for all hours
actually worked, up to but not in excess of eight
hours per day, in any day or fraction thereof,
including the sixth and seventh day of the work week,
that he is on duty at sea. No compensation, regular or
overtime, no differential of any sort, and no
compensatory time shall be due for any additional
hours worked in any such day, regardless of how many
hours the employee was actually required to work in
that day. Hours actually worked while at sea, up to
but not in excess of eight hours per day, shall count
as straight time hours for the purpose of determining
compensatory time, if any, in a work week spent
partially at sea and partially not at sea. The
holiday differential shall apply in lieu of the sea
duty differential while at sea on a holiday. The
hazardous work differential shall apply in addition to
the sea duty differential while at sea, provided that
being at sea does not in and of itself constitute
hazardous work. The typhoon emergency differential
shall not apply while at sea."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 1998, or when it becomes law, whichever is later.

Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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July 9, 1998

/s/ Jacob Nena
Jacob Nena
President
Federated States of Micronesia