

A RESOLUTION

Calling on the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to make development of alternative energy sources a priority for the nation and to request the President and Pohnpei State officials to consider proposing rehabilitation of the Nan Pil hydroelectric facility in Pohnpei State in future Compact Infrastructure grant funding requests and for funding under new United States Government initiatives.

1 WHEREAS development of renewable energy sources in the
2 Federated States of Micronesia was a priority area under the first
3 Compact of Free Association with the United States; and

4 WHEREAS recent price increases for fossil fuels in the FSM
5 have caused serious economic hardship for its citizens and
6 threatens future development of the nation; and

7 WHEREAS the FSM relies on oil imports to meet nearly all of
8 its domestic energy requirements despite being an unsustainable
9 basis for the country's future energy and development needs; and

10 WHEREAS a notable development in this regard was construction
11 by the US Army Corps of Engineers of the Nan Pil hydroelectric
12 facility in Pohnpei State in 1990; and

13 WHEREAS the Nan Pil site was rendered inoperable shortly
14 thereafter due to a landslide, and has been out of service since;
15 and

16 WHEREAS Subtitle D of the 2005 US Energy Policy Act
17 establishes a new program entitled "Insular Areas Energy
18 Security," for which the FSM is eligible; and

1 WHEREAS the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
2 Resources has recently expressed renewed interest in support for
3 renewable energy projects in the FSM and specifically urged
4 consideration of the rehabilitation of the Nan Pil site; now,
5 therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
7 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2005, that the
8 Congress request the President of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia and Pohnpei State officials to make rehabilitation of
10 the Nan Pil hydroelectric complex a high priority in the context
11 of annual Compact infrastructure grant requests;

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the possibility of alternative
13 energy projects in each of the four FSM States be discussed with
14 officials from the Department of Interior, US Department of Energy
15 and the US Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress calls on the
17 President to request the Presidential Fuel Price Task Force to
18 place priority on development of renewable sources of energy in
19 the context of the FSM's long-term energy policy;

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
22 of Micronesia, the Governor of each State, and the United States
23 Embassy in Kolonia.

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25 Date: _____ Introduced by: _____

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