A RESOLUTION

To amend the Official Rules of Procedure of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1. WHEREAS the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and
2. WHEREAS Rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure stipulates that a motion is required to amend the said Rules; and
3. WHEREAS a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open mechanism for amendment of the Rules; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1(a) of Rule 6 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is amended to read as follows:

"1(a) Standing Committees. There shall be [six] seven standing committees established by these Rules. The standing committees shall be organized pursuant to Rules 6 and 7."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 3 of Rule 7 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by C.R. No. 15-69, is further amended to read as follows:

"Rule 7. Standing Committees

Section 3. [Health, Education and Social Affairs].

(a) The Committee on [Health,] Education [and Social Affairs] shall consist of not more than seven members with at least one member from each of the four
States. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider and report on all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to it pertaining to [the preservation of the physical and natural environment, physical and mental health of the general public, public education, public welfare, social security and general well-being of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia]; and other related subjects, including Presidential nominations submitted to the Speaker which require the advice and consent of Congress. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider, investigate, and recommend to the Congress any needed revisions of existing laws or new legislation relating to any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

(b) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing specific subjects in the budget of the President, and all supplementals thereto, which make a request for an appropriation which relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the committee shall recommend whether the matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee shall promptly report its recommendation to the Congress. Those subjects which fall within the jurisdiction of this committee include, but are not limited to, the following:
(i) [Department of Health and Social Affairs;]

[(ii)] Department of Education

[(iii)] (ii) Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia;

[(iv)] (iii) College of Micronesia operations;

[(v)] (iv) Compact Section 221(b) programs;

[(vi)] (v) Vocational agricultural programs; and

[(vii)] (vi) East-West Center[; and

(viii) Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation]."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 3 of Rule 7 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by C.R. No. 15-69, is further amended by adding a new section 8 read as follows:

"Section 8. Health and Social Affairs.

(a) The Committee on Health and Social Affairs shall consist of not more than seven members with at least one member from each of the four States. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider and report on all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to it pertaining to the preservation of the physical and natural environment; physical and mental health of the general public; public welfare; social security and general well-being of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia; and other related subjects, including
Presidential nominations submitted to the Speaker which require the advice and consent of Congress. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider, investigate, and recommend to the Congress any needed revisions of existing laws or new legislation relating to any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

(b) This committee shall be responsible for reviewing specific subjects in the budget of the President, and all supplemental requests thereto, which make a request for an appropriation that relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the committee shall recommend whether the matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee shall promptly report its recommendation to the Congress. Those subjects that fall within the jurisdiction of this committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

(i) Department of Health and Social Affairs;
(ii) Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation,
(iii) Office of Gender Development and Women Affairs; and
(iv) Office of Youth and Sports”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
Micronesia and the Supreme Court of the Federates States of Micronesia.

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Introduced by: /s/ Setiro Paul

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