A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to convene an immediate National and State Leadership Conference.

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised toward the Strategic Development Plan (SDP), because under the terms of the amended Compact, the SDP is to be a rolling plan which will be continually reviewed and updated; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the National Government has undertaken to continue working in conjunction with each of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia to refine the SDP but failed to achieve a coordinated effort from the states in refining the SDP as was envisioned;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for the five governments to refine the SDP insofar as Compact grant funds are involved; and

WHEREAS, the Trust Fund for the people of the Federated States of Micronesia was created to contribute to the long-term budgetary self-reliance of the Government of the FSM and to provide the Government of the FSM with an ongoing source of revenue after fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the FSM National and State Governments make every effort to assess the Trust Fund’s performance against a sensible goal; and

WHEREAS, the FSM is required under title one, section 214 of the Amended Compact to submit a report to the President of the U.S. on the use of sector grant assistance and the progress in
fulfilling the mutually agree-upon program and economic goals; and

WHEREAS, the National and State Governments must come together and discuss how to expedite and fulfill this reporting requirement under the Amended Compact; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised on the use and power to appropriate the Supplemental Education Grant and the sector grant under the Amended Compact; and

WHEREAS, such concerns have delayed the utilization of said funds; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent convening of a leadership conference to address and resolve any concerns and/or problems relating to the SDP, Trust Fund, Tax Reform, the Reporting requirement under title 1, section 214 of the Amended Compact and the use of the SEG and sector grant assistance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2009, that the Congress hereby requests the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to convene a leadership conference to be held in the State of Pohnpei, and to commence during the Second Regular Session of the 16th congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to consider the referenced subject matters, and other relevant matters that may surface; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the four Governors and Speakers of each state and the President of the Chuuk Senate.

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