

A RESOLUTION

Expressing support by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia on providing local revenue funding for the College of Micronesia-FSM.

1 WHEREAS, the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) is the
2 national institution of higher education for the Federated States
3 of Micronesia with campuses in all four states, and

4 WHEREAS, COM-FSM is fully accredited by the Accrediting
5 Commission for Community and Junior College (ACCJC) of the Western
6 Association of Schools and Colleges; and

7 WHEREAS, COM-FSM is committed to continually improving its
8 program and services, assisting with the workforce development of
9 the Nation and increasing student success; and

10 WHEREAS, the ACCJC has expressed concern about the
11 sustainability of funding for COM-FSM; and

12 WHEREAS, changes in the Pell Grant eligibility and reduction
13 in Compact scholarship funds are affecting students ability to pay
14 for their higher education; and

15 WHEREAS, the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO)
16 passed resolution 2011-2 reducing Education Sector Grant (SEG)
17 funding for the college by \$2,800,000 over four years starting
18 with \$700,000 in FY 2013, and

19 WHEREAS, the FSM National Government has showed it support
20 for the sustainability of COM-FSM by funding \$700,000 from local

1 revenue in FY 2013 in response to the reduction in Compact funds;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, COM-FSM must demonstrate to ACCJC that it has
4 financial resources for long term sustainability of its programs
5 and services to the Nation; now, therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated
7 States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2012, that Congress
8 is hereby committed to ensuring the financial sustainability of
9 COM-FSM in the interest of providing quality education for the
10 future of our students; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia expresses its view that local revenue be
13 utilized to fund COM-FSM to replace the reduction in SEG funding
14 in FY 2014, FY 2015, FY 2016 and maintain a sustainable level of
15 local revenue support for future years; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
18 of Micronesia, the President of the College of Micronesia-FSM and
19 the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

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21 Date: 11/19/12

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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