A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to create a working group to assess the feasibility and possible benefits of amending the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to institute a parliamentary system of government similar to that of the Marshall Islands.

WHEREAS, our current system of government does not require that the principal officers of executive departments be appointed from among the Members of the Congress; and

WHEREAS, other nations, notably the Republic of the Marshall Islands, enjoy a parliamentary system of government whereby ministers are appointed from among serving members of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, such a system could permit Members of the Congress to maintain a more active role in the overall operations of government and thus create efficiencies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2013, that the Congress hereby requests the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to create a working group to assess the feasibility and possible benefits of amending the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to institute a parliamentary system of government similar to that of the Marshall Islands; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 1/11/13

Introduced by: /s/ Tony H. Otto

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