



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-597  
FSM CONGRESS

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
19th FSM Congress  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

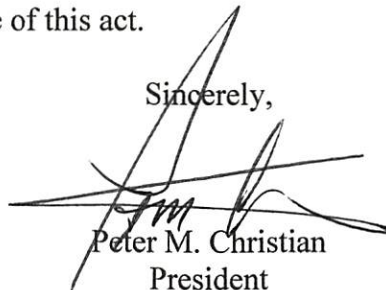
I am transmitting the following congressional act I signed to become Public Law No. 19-167:

Congressional Act No. 19-176, entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 505, THAT DECLARES AS A CLOSED AREA, THE TWELVE MILE AREA SEAWARD OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, NOT TO EXTEND BEYOND TWENTY-FOUR NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED, PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

As indicated on its title, this act creates a closed area consisting of the 12-mile belt seaward of the territorial sea, not to extend beyond 24 nautical miles from the baselines. It is understood that this closure is intended to apply to commercial fishing, and it will be implemented in accordance with this intent.

I thank Congress for the passage of this act.

Sincerely,

  
Peter M. Christian  
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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April 06, 2017

His Excellency Peter M. Christian  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
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Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-176, "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 505, THAT DECLARES AS A CLOSED AREA, THE TWELVE MILE AREA SEAWARD OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, NOT TO EXTEND BEYOND TWENTY-FOUR NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED, PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES THEREON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures





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NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION  
MARCH 27 – APRIL 05, 2017

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## An Act

TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 505, THAT DECLARES AS A CLOSED AREA, THE TWELVE MILE AREA SEAWARD OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, NOT TO EXTEND BEYOND TWENTY-FOUR NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED, PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES THEREON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FLORENCIO S. HARPER (BY REQUEST)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

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REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

S.C.R. NO. 19-222 – APRIL 01, 2017

FIRST READING: APRIL 03, 2017

SECOND READING: APRIL 04, 2017

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress





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ACT NO. 19-176

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-194, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on April 4 the foregoing act passed  
Second and Final Reading of the Nineteenth Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017,  
by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required  
under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the  
Federated States of Micronesia.

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Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, 2016

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-194, C.D.1

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AN ACT

To amend title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by inserting a new section 505, that declares as a closed area, the twelve mile area seaward of the territorial sea, not to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, prohibiting commercial fishing and exploitation of natural resources thereon, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1       Section 1. Title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended by inserting a new  
3 section 505 to read as follows:

4           "Section 505. Closed area.

5           The twelve miles area seaward of the territorial sea not  
6           to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the  
7           baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is  
8           measured is considered as a closed area. Fishing and  
9           exploitation of natural resources in this area are  
10          prohibited. Any person, who violates this prohibition,  
11          including an operator, agent, and representatives of a  
12          fishing vessel shall be liable for a civil penalty of not  
13          less than \$15,000 and not more than \$50,000. The  
14          Authority shall have discretion to exclude any vessel  
15          involved in the violation of this section from a future  
16          license or fishing access negotiation. The Authority may  
17          exercise discretionary exemption from this prohibition to

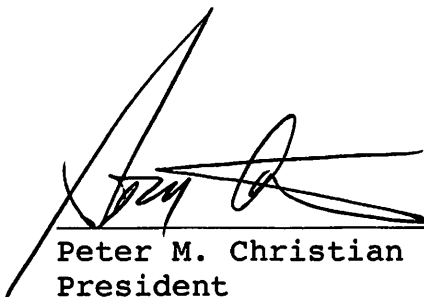
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locally owned fishing company."

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

4/18

, 2017



Peter M. Christian  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia

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