June 14, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 19-91:

Congressional Act No. 19-87: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 203 OF TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), TO PROVIDE THAT AS MATTER OF EVIDENCE THE RENEWAL OF FSM PASSPORTS CONSTITUTES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF RENUNCIATION OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I take the opportunity to express our appreciation for the efforts of Congress in passing the Act, which addresses the difficulties encountered by our citizens when applying for renewal of their passport.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Christian
President

Enclosures:

XC: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Secretary, Department of Finance and Administration
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
Library, CFSM
FSM PIO
May 26, 2016

His Excellency Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-87, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 203 OF TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), TO PROVIDE THAT AS MATTER OF EVIDENCE THE RENEWAL OF FSM PASSPORTS CONSTITUTES A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF RENUNCIATION OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2016, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: FEBRUARY 02, 2015

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

FIRST READING: MAY 19, 2016
SECOND READING: MAY 23, 2016
ACT NO. 19-87

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-121)

We hereby certify that on May 23 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2016, 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.

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

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
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AN ACT

To amend section 203 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), to provide that as matter of evidence the renewal of FSM passports constitutes a rebuttable presumption of renunciation of dual citizenship, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Purpose. The Congress recognizes and supports the prohibition on dual citizenship in the FSM. Nevertheless the Congress finds that it is often burdensome for citizens to show evidence that they have relinquished the foreign citizenship. This becomes acute in the case of FSM passport renewal where at each renewal the citizen is once again asked to present evidence of renunciation of foreign citizenship. This bill will create a rebuttable presumption that citizens whose FSM passport has been renewed twice shall be considered to have relinquished the foreign citizenship and are solely FSM citizens. The presumption is subject to rebuttal by the Government.

Section 2. Section 203 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 203. A citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia who is recognized as a citizen of another national shall, within three years of his eighteenth
birthday, or within three years of the effective date of the Constitution, which ever is later, register his intent to remain a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia with the President or his designee in a manner and form prescribed by law or regulation and renounce his citizenship of another nation. If he fails to comply with this section, he becomes a national of the Federated States of Micronesia. A citizen who holds an FSM passport that has been renewed twice in a row is entitled to a rebuttable presumption that he has renounced the citizenship of another nation and that he is solely an FSM citizen."
Section 3. This act shall become law with the approval of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or by its becoming law without such approval.

Jun 14th, 2016

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Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia