A RESOLUTION

To amend section 14(b) of rule 10 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia by specifying that a vote of at least two-thirds of the Members of Congress is necessary to revoke a Presidential declaration of emergency.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

2 WHEREAS, rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure stipulates that a motion is required to amend the said rules; and

3 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of Procedure; and

4 WHEREAS, section 14(b) of rule 10 as currently written does not require a vote of two-thirds of the Members of Congress to revoke a Presidential declaration of emergency; and

5 WHEREAS, the Members of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia desire that, given the importance of a vote to revoke a Presidential declaration of emergency, the vote total required be one that reflects a strong consensus of the Members of Congress; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2016, that section 14(b) of rule 10 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the
Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is amended to read as follows:

"Section 14. Other votes.

(1) Approval of the following advice and consent nominations require a two-thirds vote of all Congress Members:

(a) Approval of Presidential appointment of a Justice of the Supreme Court;

(b) Approval of Presidential appointment of an ambassador;

Approval of Presidential appointment of principal officers in the National Government; and

(c) Approval of Presidential appointment of the Public Auditor.

(2) The following actions may be taken by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Members of Congress:

(a) Ratification of a treaty;

(b) Removal of the President, Vice President, or a justice of the Supreme Court for treason, bribery, or conduct involving corruption in office; [and]

(c) Removal of the Public Auditor from office for cause; and
(d) Revocation of a Presidential declaration of emergency."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 2/24/16

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