A RESOLUTION

Establishing May 11 of each calendar year as National Taro Day in the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, some form of taro was most likely cultivated throughout Micronesia from the time of the very first settlers of the islands; and

WHEREAS, taro continues to be one of the main staple foods throughout the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, taro provides a significant amount of dietary fiber and carbohydrates and high levels of vitamins A, C, E, B6, and folate; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its importance as a traditional food, taro figures prominently in several island myths and legends; and

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia wishes to recognizes the importance of taro to the nation by establishing May 11 of each calendar year as National Taro Day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2016, that the Congress hereby establishes May 11 of each calendar year as National Taro Day in the Federated States of Micronesia; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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