## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 609 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, in order to clarify the use and availability of the Disaster Relief Fund and to expand its use for any future emergency declaration, and for other purposes.

- Section 1. Section 609, Subchapter II, Chapter 6 of title
- 2 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia
- 3 (Annotated), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 4 "Section 609. Establishment
- 5 (1) There is created a Disaster Relief Fund to be 6 used for natural disaster and emergency relief 7 throughout the Federated States of Micronesia.
- 8 (2) Moneys for the Disaster Relief Fund shall be
  9 derived from appropriations by the Congress of the
  10 Federated States of Micronesia and the State
  11 Legislature, United States grants, funds designated
  12 for such purposes from international organizations and
  13 from any and all other appropriate sources.
  - (3) The Disaster Relief Fund shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.
- (4) Any future decreed funds made in connection
  with any emergency declaration shall be deposited into
  this Disaster Relief Fund. Any left over money or
  fund balances from previously decreed funds shall be

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1 deposited into this Disaster Relief Fund. 2 (5) This Disaster Relief Fund could be used for any emergency declaration. Any future left over in this 3 fund, be it from decreed funds in connection with 4 5 specific emergency declaration made by the President, 6 emergency funding assistance from abroad, 7 congressional appropriation or reimbursement relating to an emergency, or other funding sources intended to 8 9 support humanitarian assistance and relief efforts 10 relating to emergency situation, shall be available to support and be spent in connection with any emergency 11 12 declaration made by the President. This fund shall be 13 replenished or supplemented as often as needed even 14 though no emergency declaration is presently in 15 effect." 16 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the 17 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval. 18 19 20 Date: 3/9/19 Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper Florencio S. Harper 21 (by request) 22 23 24

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