A RESOLUTION

Expressing support of Federated States of Micronesia’s formal application for membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

WHEREAS, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is a regional non-profit organization created by the Western Regional Education Compact, adopted in the 1950’s by Western states; and

WHEREAS, WICHE was created to facilitate resource sharing among the higher education systems of the West; and

WHEREAS sixteen Western states comprise WICHE, namely: New Mexico, Montana, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, Hawaii, North Dakota, South Dakota, U.S. Pacific Territories & Freely Associated States (FAS); and

WHEREAS, WICHE and its 16-member states work to improve access to higher education and ensure student success through student exchange programs, regional initiatives, and its research and policy work allow the organization to assist constituents throughout the West and beyond; and

WHEREAS, becoming a full member of WICHE will greatly benefit the FSM through reduced tuition fees in more than 145 participating WICHE institutions;

WHEREAS, the FSM could also benefit from WICHE resources.
in policy development, workforce development, technology, health and other areas as a result of WICHE membership; and

WHEREAS, the FSM could similarly benefit from students of WICHE states who come to study in the FSM; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2018, that the FSM Congress is in support of the efforts of the Executive in seeking formal membership of WICHE; and

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

Date: 9/20/18

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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(by request)