

RESOLUTION

Endorsing the membership of the Federated States of Micronesia in the University of the South Pacific.

1           WHEREAS, the University of the South Pacific was  
2 established by Royal Charter in 1968, originally comprised of  
3 the Governments of the British Solomon Islands, Fiji, Gilbert  
4 (Kiribati), Ellice Islands (Tuvalu), and the New Hebrides  
5 (Vanuatu), along with the Governments of the Cook Islands, the  
6 Republic of Nauru, Niue, Tokelau Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga,  
7 and the Independent State of Western Samoa (Samoa); and

8           WHEREAS, the University of the South Pacific's objective  
9 has been the maintenance, advancement and dissemination of  
10 knowledge by teaching, consultancy, research, and providing  
11 appropriate levels of education and training responsive to the  
12 well-being and needs of the communities in the Pacific Region;  
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14           WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia previously  
15 benefitted from the University of the South Pacific's programs  
16 by sending Micronesia students, over the years, mostly to  
17 Laucala Campus (Fiji) and Emalus Campus (Vanuatu) with  
18 preferred degree programs in law, commerce, arts and science,  
19 however, it is not taking full advantage of the University's  
20 services due to lack of membership; and

1           WHEREAS, membership will bring co-ownership status, which  
2 entails the availability of cost-effective tertiary education  
3 to Micronesian students and taking a greater role in the  
4 University of the South Pacific's governments and policymaking  
5 initiative; now, therefore,

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the  
7 Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2018,  
8 that the Congress hereby endorses the Nation's membership in  
9 the University of the South Pacific; and

10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE that the FSM Congress is committed  
11 to appropriating the necessary funds entailed by the  
12 membership; and

13          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 resolution be transmitted to the President of Federated States  
15 of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of Education.

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17 Date: 11/13/18

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper  
(by request)

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