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 established by Royal Charter in 1968, originally comprised of the Governments of the British Solomon Islands, Fiji, Gilbert (Kiribati), Ellice Islands (Tuvalu), and the New Hebrides (Vanuatu), along with the Governments of the Cook Islands, the Republic of Nauru, Niue, Tokelau Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the Independent State of Western Samoa (Samoa); and

2 WHEREAS, the University of the South Pacific’s objective has been the maintenance, advancement and dissemination of knowledge by teaching, consultancy, research, and providing appropriate levels of education and training responsive to the well-being and needs of the communities in the Pacific Region; and

3 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia previously benefitted from the University of the South Pacific’s programs by sending Micronesia students, over the years, mostly to Laucala Campus (Fiji) and Emalus Campus (Vanuatu) with preferred degree programs in law, commerce, arts and science, however, it is not taking full advantage of the University’s services due to lack of membership; and
WHEREAS, membership will bring co-ownership status, which entails the availability of cost-effective tertiary education to Micronesian students and taking a greater role in the University of the South Pacific’s governments and policymaking initiative; now, therefore,

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

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

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

Date: 11/13/18      Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper (by request)