A RESOLUTION

Calling upon the state governments of each of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia to take whatever actions are necessary to allow for a referendum to be held in each state during the next state-level election cycle, on a proposal which would individually enshrine the “right to water” within the Constitution of each state, and expressing the intent of the FSM Congress to support the state governments in their efforts to improve access to safe, clean water for all citizens.

1 WHEREAS, at the Eighth World Water Forum, which took place in March 2018, in Brasilia, Brazil, a delegation from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia joined leaders from around the world, in coming together to discuss the most pressing water-related challenges of today, and to affirm our commitment to doing our part to protect the world’s water resources and to improve access to safe, clean water for all persons;

2 WHEREAS, water issues are of special importance to the Federated States of Micronesia, given that the country consists of approximately 607 islands fully surrounded by the waters of the Pacific Ocean; and

3 WHEREAS, many citizens residing in the Federated States of Micronesia continue to lack access to safe, clean running water in their homes; and

4 WHEREAS, a recurring theme expressed by many global leaders at the Eighth World Water Forum was the belief that
governments should contribute to solving water-related
challenges by affirming that their citizens have a fundamental
human “right to water”; and

WHEREAS, the National Government of the Federated States
of Micronesia recognizes that the provision of water-related
services has traditionally been placed within the domain of
responsibilities held by the state governments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Twentieth Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2018,
calls upon the state governments of the four states of the
Federated States of Micronesia to take all necessary steps so
that during the next state-level election cycles, citizens of
each of the four states will have the opportunity vote to amend
their respective state constitutions, so that each of these
state constitutions will recognize a “right to water” for all
citizens residing in that state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress expresses its intent
to support the state governments in their efforts to achieve
universal access to safe, clean, running water for every
household within the nation; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the governor of each state of the Nation.

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