

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
2 in March 2018, in Brasilia, Brazil, a delegation from the
3 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia joined leaders
4 from around the world, in coming together to discuss the most
5 pressing water-related challenges of today, and to affirm our
6 commitment to doing our part to protect the world's water
7 resources and to improve access to safe, clean water for all
8 persons;

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

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

16 WHEREAS, a recurring theme expressed by many global
17 leaders at the Eighth World Water Forum was the belief that

1 governments should contribute to solving water-related
2 challenges by affirming that their citizens have a fundamental
3 human "right to water"; and

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

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress expresses its intent
18 to support the state governments in their efforts to achieve
19 universal access to safe, clean, running water for every
20 household within the nation; and

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