



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-254
FSM CONGRESS

April 3, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following congressional act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-104:

Congressional Act No. 21-94, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 609A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY TOURISM SECTOR MITIGATION RELIEF FUND TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE ECONOMIC LOSS FELT BY THE TOURISM INDUSTRY AND INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY WHO WERE LAID OFF DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I wish to thank the 21st FSM Congress for the passage of this act.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo
President

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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March 12, 2020

His Excellency David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Panuelo:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 21-94, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 609A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY TOURISM SECTOR MITIGATION RELIEF FUND TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE ECONOMIC LOSS FELT BY THE TOURISM INDUSTRY AND INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY WHO WERE LAID OFF DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures

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TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION
MARCH 5 - 9, 2020
(EXTENDED BY C.R. NO. 21-125, ADOPTED 03/7/20)

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 609A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY TOURISM SECTOR MITIGATION RELIEF FUND TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE ECONOMIC LOSS FELT BY THE TOURISM INDUSTRY AND INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY WHO WERE LAID OFF DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: MARCH 6, 2020

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEES ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

WITHDRAWN – MARCH 6, 2020

FIRST READING: – MARCH 6, 2020

SECOND READING: – MARCH 11, 2020

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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ACT NO. 21-94

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-163, C.D.1, C.D.2)

We hereby certify that on March 11 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2020 CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-163, C.D.1, C.D.2

AN ACT

To further amend chapter 6 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, by adding a new section 609A, for the purpose of establishing a temporary tourism sector mitigation relief fund to alleviate some of the economic loss felt by the tourism industry and individuals working in the tourism industry who were laid off during the coronavirus epidemic, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Chapter 6 of title 55 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is
3 hereby further amended by adding a new section 609A, to read as
4 follows:

5 "Section 609A. Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund.

6 (1) There is created a Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund
7 to be used to partially offset the economic losses of
8 the businesses in the tourism industry and individuals
9 working in the tourism industry who were laid off in the
10 Federated States of Micronesia during the coronavirus
11 epidemic.

12 (2) Moneys for the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund
13 shall be derived from appropriations by the Congress of
14 the Federated States of Micronesia and the State
15 legislatures, United States grants, funds designated for
16 such purposes from international organizations and from
17 any and all other appropriate sources.

(3) Tourism sector businesses operating in the Federated States of Micronesia seeking relief from the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund must show tax returns from the previous year in order to establish their losses claimed under this fund. Individuals in the tourism sector, who are seeking compensation for lost wages due to being laid off as a result of the economic downturn, must submit their last paycheck stub and a statement from their employer in the tourism industry, who laid them off, evidencing their unemployment. The President shall issue regulations for equitable compensation for affected businesses, including a possible cap on the amount of a valid claim.

(4) The distributions from the funds shall be managed and administered by a committee named by the President comprising representatives of the Departments of Resources and Development; Finance; Justice; and Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management. The committee shall report quarterly to Congress on the status of the fund and distributions therefrom.

(5) For the purposes of this fund tourism sector businesses shall include hotel operators, car rentals, tour operators, resorts, dive shops, airlines or any other tourist specific business not mentioned above.

1 (6) The Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund shall expire
2 at the end of fiscal year 2021. Any unexpended funds
3 shall lapse into the Disaster Relief Fund."

4 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval
5 by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or
6 upon its becoming law without such approval.

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April 3rd, 2020

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David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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