February 11, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 21-85, which was adopted by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2020.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures
A RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE GOAL OF THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO HAVE THE FSM REACH UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE BY 2030 AND CALLING UPON THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE MEASURES TO EFFECTUATE THAT GOAL.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: AREN B. PALIK

DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2019

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Liwiana Ramon Ioaani
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
A RESOLUTION

Declaring the goal of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to have the FSM reach Universal Health Coverage by 2030 and calling upon the President to take measures to effectuate that goal.

WHEREAS, the principle of Universal Health Coverage ("UHC") means that all people have access to the health services they need when and where they need them, without financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, UHC is a recognition of health care as a human right; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2019, the United Nations General Assembly held a high level meeting which issued a Political Declaration which stated inter alia the goal of the United Nations to "Ensure that no one is left behind, with an endeavor to reach the furthest behind first, founded on the dignity of the human person and reflecting the principles of equality and non-discrimination, as well as to empower those who are vulnerable or in vulnerable situations and address their physical and mental health needs which are reflected in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including all children, youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons, indigenous peoples, refugees and internally displaced persons and migrants"; and
WHEREAS, on October 10, 2019, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the above Political Declaration by resolution; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2019, the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the 141st IPU General Assembly in Belgrade adopted a resolution calling for parliaments to take all legal and policy measures to achieve universal health coverage by 2030, with nutrition integrated, and urging parliaments to put in place effective UHC legislation to ensure that the right to public health and medical care is guaranteed for all in law and in practice, without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the government and Congress of the FSM supported both of the above resolutions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2020, that it is the goal of the Congress for the FSM to achieve Universal Health Coverage by 2030; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress requests the President of the FSM to take all appropriate measures to reach that goal; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs and the FSM United Nations Mission.

ADOPTED: February 7, 2020

Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

ATTEST:

Liviana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress