A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 3 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure for the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to explicitly provide for the ability to have a remote session via teleconference or online.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure;

and

WHEREAS, Rule 1 Section 3 stipulates the place that the congressional sessions shall occur; and

WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of Procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia’s desire to amend the place of session to include a remote session via teleconference or online; and

WHEREAS, the global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 outbreak has caused the individual states of the Federated States of Micronesia to close their borders and ports to ensure public safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2020, that Section 3 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:
“Section 3. Place of sessions. The Congress shall meet at place in the State of Pohnpei, designated by the Speaker, or in such State of the Federated States of Micronesia as the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall by resolution determine, at a place designated by Speaker. **In extraordinary circumstances** which prevents members of Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia from meeting in the same locale, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia may meet remotely via teleconference or online with members in different locations.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 4/9/20

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