A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to allocate any remaining grant funding for COVID-19 relief at the National Government level to the four states to assist in our Nation’s efforts to transition to a safe, post-pandemic open border.

WHEREAS, at the beginning of 2020 a new virus was identified, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) which spread throughout almost the entire world and resulted in over six million deaths in thirty months worldwide;

WHEREAS, it was fortunate that at the beginning of this global pandemic the Federated States of Micronesia restricted entry into the Nation beginning with the President’s National Public Health Emergency Declaration of March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary efforts of the National and State Governments, and our citizens have fortunately allowed our Nation to avoid the spread of COVID-19 into the Federated States of Micronesia, however, this has resulted in much economic and societal hardship for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, with the development of effective vaccines and treatment for the COVID-19 virus a transition plan has been developed for a safe opening of the borders of our Nation, and it is the understanding of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia that the majority of the remaining work to be done will take place at the State Government level at their Offices of
Public Health, Departments of Health and hospitals; and
WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia wishes to ensure the remaining necessary work at the State Government level regarding the post-pandemic border opening be fully funded and completed at the earliest opportunity; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022, that the Congress hereby requests the President allocate any remaining grant funding for COVID-19 relief at the National Government level to the four States to assist in our Nation’s efforts to transition to a safe, post-pandemic open border; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and to the Governor of each state of the Nation.

Date: 7/19/22
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