

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family and religious community of his Excellency the late Bishop Emeritus Amando Samo who passed away on August 7, 2021.

1 WHEREAS, His Excellency the late Bishop Emeritus Samo
2 graduated from Chuuk High School in 1969, received a Bachelor
3 of Arts from Chaminade College in Psychology in 1973 in Hawaii
4 and became the first Micronesian to attend the Pacific Regional
5 Seminary in Fiji graduating with a Master of Divinity in 1977;
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7 WHEREAS, His Excellency the late Bishop Emeritus Samo
8 began his service to the Catholic Church in 1976 and was
9 ordained as a Deconate of the Archdiocese of the Caroline
10 Islands in 1977 where he proved himself as a strong, moral
11 leader who was interested not just with the spiritual aspect of
12 the church members, but also the welfare of all people in the
13 surrounding community; and

14 WHEREAS, His Excellency the late Bishop Emeritus Samo was
15 raised to Bishop, and consecrated as Titular Bishop of
16 Linertina, Auxiliary Bishop of Caroline Islands in 1987, in
17 this capacity he was able promote religious education and
18 inspire the next generation of young people while continuing to
19 discharge his many responsibilities with the highest

1 distinction; and

2 WHEREAS, His Excellency the late Bishop Emeritus Samo became
3 Coadjutor Bishop in 1994 and in 1995 he became sole Diocesan
4 Bishop before relinquishing that role due to illness later in
5 the year; and

6 WHEREAS, some of the major accomplishments of the late
7 Bishop Emeritus Samo are: the establishment of the Holy Family
8 Parish in Nepukos; the founding of the Saramen Chuuk Academy;
9 the establishment of the St. John Vianny Formation House and
10 the founding of the Caroline College and Pastoral Institute,
11 all of which greatly enriched the State of Chuuk and this
12 Nation; and

13 WHEREAS, His Excellency the late Bishop Emeritus Samo was
14 distinguished for his compassion and hard work over decades,
15 and being the first Chuukese to be ordained as a priest and the
16 first citizen from the Federated States of Micronesia to be
17 raised up to the Sacred Order of Bishops, throughout his career
18 he was known for his dedication and competence, as well as, for
19 being generous with his time and mentoring those in the
20 community, now, therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-Second Congress of the
22 Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2021,
23 that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences to the
24 family and religious community of His Excellency the late
25 Bishop Emeritus Amando Samo who passed away on August 7, 2021,

1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this
3 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
4 States of Micronesia, the Governor of Chuuk State, the
5 Archdiocese of the Caroline Islands, and the family of His
6 Excellency the late Bishop Emeritus Samo.

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8 Date: 9/13/21

Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina
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