A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate $56,684,766 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, to provide funding for the operations of all branches of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, its agencies, various programs, grants, subsidies and contributions and capital and human resources development, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is as follows: To appropriate the sum of $56,684,766 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the purpose of funding the operations of all branches of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, its agencies, various programs, grants, subsidies and contributions, Capital and Human Resources Development. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Section 2. Operating expenses of the Executive Branch. The sum of $33,400,111 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the purpose of funding the operation of the Executive Branch of the National Government during the fiscal year 2024. Of the total amount of funds appropriated herein, $366,570 shall be deemed to come from funds available under
Supplemental Education Grant or successor program. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) Office of the President.

The sum of $2,599,417, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Office of the President during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

- Personnel ................................................................. $ 1,048,364
- Travel ................................................................. 483,753
- Contractual Services................................. 859,000
- OCE ................................................................. 118,300
- Fixed Assets ............................................................. 90,000

(2) Department of Foreign Affairs.

The sum of $7,225,517, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Foreign Affairs during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

- Personnel ................................................................. $ 2,911,725
- Travel ................................................................. 299,823
- Contractual Services................................. 3,466,955
- OCE ................................................................. 547,014
- Fixed Assets ............................................................. -0-

(3) Department of Finance and Administration.

The sum of $3,944,458, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Finance and
Administration during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

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(4) Department of Resources and Development.

The sum of $1,824,596, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Resources and Development during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

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(5) Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure.

The sum of $3,828,121, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

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(6) Department of Health and Social Affairs.

The sum of $1,357,743, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Health and Social Affairs during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

- Personnel: $1,070,897
- Travel: $66,676
- Contractual Services: $119,942
- OCE: $100,228
- Fixed Assets: $0

(7) Department of Education.

The sum of $1,097,248 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Education during the fiscal year 2024. Of the total amount of funds appropriated herein, $366,570 shall be deemed to come from funds available under the Supplemental Education Grant or successor program. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

- Personnel: $662,421
- Travel: $130,973
- Contractual Services: $231,226
- OCE: $72,629
- Fixed Assets: $0
(8) Department of Justice.

The sum of $8,537,814, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Justice during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

- Personnel ............................................ $ 6,150,219
- Travel ................................................. 296,854
- Contractual Services............................... 889,875
- OCE .................................................... 1,200,866
- Fixed Assets ........................................... -0-

(9) Office of the Public Defender.

The sum of $1,371,862, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Office of the Public Defender during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

- Personnel ............................................ $ 1,118,025
- Travel ................................................. 56,048
- Contractual Services............................... 149,994
- OCE .................................................... 47,795
- Fixed Assets ........................................... -0-

(10) Department of Climate Change, Environment and Emergency Management.

The sum of $973,096, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Department of Climate Change, Environment and Emergency Management during the fiscal year.
The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel ........................................ $ 767,130
Travel ................................................. 73,352
Contractual Services.............................. 106,500
OCE .................................................. 26,114
Fixed Assets ........................................ -0-

(11) Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation.

The sum of $275,266, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel ........................................ $ 235,466
Travel ................................................. 14,230
Contractual Services.............................. 15,425
OCE .................................................. 10,145
Fixed Assets ........................................ -0-

(12) Office of the Veterans Affairs.

The sum of $107,021, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of Office of the Veterans Affairs during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel ........................................ $ 81,320
Travel ................................................. 5,701
1 Contractual Services............................$ 15,000
2 OCE ........................................... 5,000
3 Fixed Assets.................................... -0-
4
5 (13) Office of Personnel.
6 The sum of $257,953, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
7 for the operations of Office of Personnel during the fiscal
8 year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned
9 as follows:
10 Personnel........................................$ 243,303
11 Travel .......................................... 7,200
12 Contractual Services......................... 1,700
13 OCE .......................................... 5,750
14 Fixed Assets................................. -0-
15
16 Section 3. Operating Expenses of the Legislative
17 Branch. The sum of $7,327,192, or so much thereof as may be
18 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the
19 Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending
20 September 30, 2024, for the operations of the Legislative
21 Branch of the National Government during fiscal year 2024.
22 The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as
23 follows:
24
25 (1) Speaker and Members.
26 The sum of $3,751,440, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
27 for the operations of the Office of the Speaker and Members of
28 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia during
fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel ........................................ $ 846,520
Travel ...........................................  415,320
Contractual Services..........................  2,489,600
OCE ................................................ -0-
Fixed Assets ..................................... -0-

(2) Staff Office.

The sum of $3,075,752, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Congress staff offices during fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel ........................................ $ 1,904,752
Travel ...........................................  100,000
Contractual Services..........................  752,000
OCE ................................................  319,000
Fixed Assets ..................................... -0-

(3) Congress Delegation Offices.

The sum of $500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Congress delegation offices during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated is apportioned as follows:

(i) Kosrae Delegation Office.................. $  70,000
(ii) Pohnpei Delegation Office...............  140,000
(iii) Chuuk Delegation Office...............  210,000
(iv) Yap Delegation Office..............................$  80,000

Section 4. Operating Expenses of the National Judicial Branch. The sum of $2,343,712, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the operations of the Judicial Branch of the National Government during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

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Section 5. Operating Expenses of the National Public Auditor. The sum of $1,309,577, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the operations of the National Office of the Public Auditor and for the National Public Auditor’s Chuuk Office. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

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Section 6. Operating Expenses of Agencies, Boards, Authorities, and Commissions of the National Government.

The sum of $3,433,358, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the operations of the following boards, commissions and agencies during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA).

The sum of $1,306,268, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of NORMA for the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

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(2) Board of Regents (COM-FSM).

The sum of $60,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the Board of Regents, COM-FSM during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

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(3) **FSM Banking Board.**

The sum of $247,864, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of FSM Banking Board during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

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(4) **FSM Insurance Board.**

The sum of $621,544, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of FSM Insurance Board during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

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(5) **FSM Postal Services.**
The sum of $1,197,683, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of the National Postal Services during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel..................................................$ 809,578
Travel....................................................... 26,084
Contractual Services................................. 183,636
OCE......................................................... 178,385
Fixed Assets................................................ -0-

Section 7. Special Programs. The sum of $658,592, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the following special programs during fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

(1) National Election Office.

The sum of $658,592, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the operations of National Election Office during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

Personnel..................................................$ 435,010
Travel....................................................... 57,133
Contractual Services................................. 69,486
OCE......................................................... 96,963
Fixed Assets................................................ -0-
Section 8. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions. The sum of $4,127,131, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the following grants, subsidies and contributions during fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

1. **Office of the President.**
   - (a) Former Presidents’ Allowance .. $ 50,000
   - (b) Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) .................. 335,991

2. **Department of Health and Social Affairs.**
   - (a) FSM Red Cross .......... 35,000

3. **Department of Education.**
   - (a) Aid for Non-Public School....... 250,000
   - (b) National Scholarship Fund ...... 500,000
   - (c) National Close-Up Local Program . 37,500
   - (d) National Merit Scholarship ...... 137,500

4. **Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure.**
   - (a) FSM Capital Energy (Utilities).. 150,000
   - (b) Fueling & Provisions of Caroline Voyager and Navigator and Nat’l vessels. 672,915

5. **Department of Justice.**
   - (a) DOJ Fuel Subsidy ............... 275,000
1 (6) Resources (Other Grants, Subsidies &
2 Contributions)
3 (a) FSM Social Security ............ $ 500,000
4 (b) Micronesian Legal Services
5 Corporation........................... 50,000
6 (c) NORMA-WCPFC Membership fee .... 100,000
7 (d) MLFC Loan Payment .............. 130,000
8 (e) Single Audit fees and cost ..... 100,000
9 (f) Staff housing ................. 750,000
10 (g) Recruitment & Repatriation ..... 53,226

Section 9. Capital and Human Resources Development.
12 The sum of $4,085,094, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
13 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,
15 2024, for the following capital improvements, development
16 programs, and projects and human resources development. Of
17 the total amount of funds appropriated herein, $1,000,000
18 shall be deemed to come from funds available under the Compact
19 Education Sector Grant and $689,948 shall be deemed to come
20 from funds available under Supplemental Education Grant or
21 successor program. The sum appropriated by this section shall
22 be apportioned as follows:
23 (1) College of Micronesia — FSM.
24 (a) COM-FSM — operation ............ $ 2,000,000
25 (b) Fisheries Maritime Institute ... 471,572

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(c) Supplemental Education Grant or successor Program .................................. $ 689,948

(2) Department of Resources & Development.

(a) R&D State and National leadership conference (SNLC)......................... 37,500

(b) R&D Conference ....................... 25,000

(3) Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure.

(a) FSM national government computer network ........................................... 25,000

(4) Department of Justice.

(a) Anti-human trafficking enforcement, campaign and investigation............ 25,000

(b) Victims Shelter & Services ...... 25,000

(c) Patrol Boat maintenance ........... 200,000

(d) Satellite phone & billing ...... 5,000

(5) Department of Health and Social Affairs.

(a) Medical Specialist Team ......... 25,000

(6) Department of Education.

(a) NDOE Year 3 Project (SEG) ...... 556,074

Section 10. Employment Ceilings. The maximum number of positions for each branch and agency of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia for fiscal year 2024 shall be as follows:

(1) Executive Branch ....................... 730
Section 11. Reprogramming. Reprogramming of funds into or from the personnel budget line item shall not be permitted. The President, Speaker and Chief Justice may reprogram up to 10 percent to or from the funds appropriated in sections 2 (Operating expenses of the Executive Branch), 3 (Operating expenses of the Legislative Branch), and 4 (Operating expenses of the National Judicial Branch). Reprogramming of funds within a department, office or agency shall be effected by the head of such department, office or agency by specifying in writing to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration of the FSM National Government, the accounts for which funding is either increased or decreased. Reprogramming other than as specified herein is not permitted, and more specifically, reprogramming into or out of any line

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item contained in section 8 (Grants, Subsidies and Contributions) or section 9 (Investment: Capital and Human Resources) is not permitted. The President shall report to Congress within one month of the last day of each financial quarter all amounts reprogrammed inter or intra a department, office or agency.

Section 12. Allotment and management of funds and lapse dates.

(1) General provisions.

(a) All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979.

(b) The allottees shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the purposes specified in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sums appropriated.

(2) Allottees. The allottees of the funds appropriated by this act are as follows:

(a) Section 2 - the allottee of these funds shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(b) Section 3 - the allottee of these funds shall be the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia;
(c) Section 4 — the allottee of these funds shall be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(d) Section 5 — the allotted of these funds shall be the Public Auditor of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(e) Sections 6 through 9 — the allotted of these funds shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that for the following subsections of sections 8 through 9 of this act:

(i) Section 9 (1)(a) through (c) — the allotted of these funds is the President of the COM-FSM.

(3) Lapse date. The authority of the allottees to obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse as of September 30, 2024; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the authority to obligate funds appropriated under section 9 of this act shall not lapse.

Section 13. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 9/1/23

Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence
Quincy Lawrence
(by request)