



# TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS

## Federated States of Micronesia



## Senator Merlynn Abello-Alfonso

### SUMMARY

State of Pohnpei: 2-yr | ED.1

DOB: November 04, 1963

1990, M.D. (West Visayas State University)

23<sup>rd</sup> CFSM (2023 - )

### COMMITTEES

Chairwoman: Special Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Issues

Member: Health and Social Affairs, Transportation and Communications.

**The Honorable Merlyn Abello-Alfonso**, is a two-year member from the State of Pohnpei representing Congressional Election District One to the Twenty Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. She is the Chairwoman for the Congressional Special Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Issues with membership on the committees on Health and Social Affairs, and Transportation and Communications.

Senator Abello-Alfonso is the second woman elected to the highest legislative body in the Nation and seated as a member of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress on May 11, 2023.

She also brings a well-rounded background and practical experience in the field of medical health. In addition, she has over 20yrs of Administrative Management having established one of the Nation's first private pharmacy in Pohnpei in 1996 – Genesis Pharmacy, which has expanded into a pharmacy retailer serving all four states. In 1999 she further established the first and only private clinic – Genesis Island Family Clinic, which has evolved over the years to become the only private hospital in the state of Pohnpei and the Nation as a whole, providing both inpatient and outpatient services for the Nation.

Senator Abello-Alfonso's early education started at Our Lady of Mercy school in Pohnpei and went on the prestigious Xavier High School in Chuuk and completed both schools as the

class valedictorian. She pursued her tertiary education at the West Visayas State University in the Philippines and received her Bachelor degree in Biological Science in 1985. Continuing at the West Visayas State University, Abello-Alfonso completed her medical studies 1990 with a degree in Doctor of Medicine.

With her Doctorate, Abello-Alfonso returned to the FSM in 1991 and spent the next Eight (8) years working for the Pohnpei State hospital in various roles and responsibilities amassing medical awards and recognitions along the way. In 1999, she was a recipient of the FSM Government early retirement plan and entered the private sector as a full time Private Practitioner and went on to establish the Genesis Island Family Clinic.

Parallel to her medical background is her extensive role in the civic society, as member of boards and associations. In 2013 thru 2016, Abello-Alfonso served as the Honorary Consul of the Philippines to the FSM. Senator Abello-Alfonso is the Owner/Vice President of Genesis Corporations and Medical Director of Genesis Hospital which kept her occupied until her election to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the FSM.

Senator Abello-Alfonso and her late husband are blessed with three children, son Christopher Andrei and daughters Richelle Hanna and Sarrah Margarita.