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May 29, 2023

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker
P.O. Box PS 3
FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Moses:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 23-04, which was adopted by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2023.

Sincerely,

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



TWENTY- THIRD CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11 - 30, 2023

A RESOLUTION

TO AMEND RULE 6, SECTIONS 8(C) AND (D) OF THE OFFICIAL RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES
OF MICRONESIA TO ALLOW A STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR TO SERVE AS
VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: ISAAC V. FIGIR

DATE: MAY 16, 2023

ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2023

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress

A RESOLUTION

To amend Rule 6, Sections 8(c) and (d) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow a standing committee chair to serve as vice chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

3 WHEREAS, Sections 8(c) and 8(d) of Rule 6 of the
4 Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress
5 of the Federated States of Micronesia provide that a
6 Member of Congress who serves as chair of a standing
7 committee may not serve as vice chair of another standing
8 committee; and

9 WHEREAS, the role of the vice chair of a standing
10 committee is to perform the duties of the chair in the
11 absence of the chair; and

12 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is an acceptable
13 mechanism for amending the Official Rules of Procedure of
14 Congress under Rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure; and

15 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-Third Congress of the
16 Federated States of Micronesia wish to allow the Committee on
17 Ways and Means to have a permanent vice chair; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the
19 Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2023,

1 that Rule 6, Section 8 of the Official Rules of Procedure of
2 the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 8. Chair and vice chair

5 (a) The chair of each standing committee or
6 special committee, and the chair for each continuous
7 session of the Committee of the Whole, shall be
8 appointed by the Speaker, subject to appeal to the
9 Congress. A vice chair shall be chosen by the
10 members of each standing committee.

11 (b) The chair of each committee shall call
12 meetings, preside at committee meetings, prepare and
13 post the agenda, invite witnesses to appear before
14 the committee, and prepare committee reports subject
15 to the requirements of the Rules. The vice chair
16 shall perform the duties of the chair in his or her
17 absence.

18 (c) A Member of Congress who serves as chair of
19 a standing committee may not serve as chair or vice
20 chair of another standing committee, except that
21 such Member may serve as vice chair of the Committee
22 on Ways and Means. The Speaker, Vice Speaker and
23 Floor Leader may not serve as chair or vice chair of
24 any standing committee."

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

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7 ADOPTED: May 19, 2023

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ATTEST:

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Esmond B. Moses
Speaker
FSM Congress



Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
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