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.

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2023,
that Rule 6, Section 8 of the Official Rules of Procedure of
the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. [Chairman] Chair and vice [chairman] chair

(a) The [chairman] chair of each standing
committee or special committee, and the [chairman] chair for each continuous session of the Committee
of the Whole, shall be appointed by the Speaker,
subject to appeal to the Congress. A vice [chairman] chair shall be chosen by the members of
each standing committee.

(b) The [chairman] chair of each committee shall
call meetings, preside at committee meetings,
prepare and post the agenda, invite witnesses to
appear before the committee, and prepare committee
reports subject to the requirements of the Rules.
The vice [chairman] chair shall perform the duties
of the [chairman] chair in his or her absence.

(c) A Member of Congress who serves as [a
chairman] chair of a standing committee may not
serve as [a chairman] chair or vice [chairman] chair
of another standing committee, except that such
Member may serve as vice chair of the Committee on
Ways and Means. The Speaker, Vice Speaker and Floor
Leader may not serve as chair or vice chair of any standing committee, except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) If the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means is unavailable to preside at a meeting of the committee, the Vice Speaker shall perform the duties of the chairman in his absence.

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

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Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir

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