A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 9 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to require a Member-elect to take the oath of office in person.

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

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia permits the administration of the oath of office to be taken in person or remotely if the member-elect is physically unable to travel at the first session of each new Congress, and addressed to each such Member; and

WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of Procedure; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia desire to clarify that the administration of the oath of office is done collectively to the Members-elect holding credentials acceptable to the Congress, and require such Members-elect to take the oath of office in person; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2023, that Section 9 of Rule 1 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 9. Oath. The person who calls the first session of each new Congress to order shall request, any Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia or a presiding judge of the State Court, to administer the following oath of office collectively in person to the Members-elect [or remotely to a physically unable to travel Member-elect] holding credentials acceptable to the Congress, and addressed to each Member:

"I, __________ solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of Senator of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and will, to the best of my ability, uphold, promote, and support the laws and the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, so help me God."; and

[The Speaker will administer the oath of office remotely to a Member-elect who is physically unable to attend the first session.]"
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 9/13/23

Introduced by: /s/ Esmond B. Moses

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