AN ACT

To establish a National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Title. This act shall be known as the National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan Act of 1984.

Section 2. Definitions.

(1) "Costs of administration" means the following costs of administering the plan:

(a) Wages or salaries for personnel engaged in administering the plan;

(b) Necessary travel for personnel engaged in administering the plan;

(c) Costs and expenses for training of personnel engaged in administering the plan;

(d) The costs of processing claims;

(e) The costs of printing informational booklets, claim forms, and other necessary materials;

(f) The costs of necessary supplies;

(g) The costs of communications necessary to the operation of the plan.

(2) "Employee" means an employee of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia or an employee of a participating agency.

(3) "Full-time employee" means an employee who works at least 40 hours of the regular and scheduled workweek.
(4) "Participating agency" or "participating agencies" means any public agency, public institution or other public entity, either State or National, participating in the plan pursuant to section 3 of this act.

(5) "Personnel Officer" means the Personnel Officer of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(6) "Plan" means the National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

Section 3. Eligibility. All full-time employees of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be eligible for participation in the plan. In addition, the Personnel Officer, as administrator of the plan, may contract with participating agencies for a period not to exceed 2 years during which time the full-time employees of each such participating agency may be insured under the plan.

Section 4. Establishment of Employees' Health Insurance Fund. There is hereby established a National Government Employees' Health Insurance Fund, (hereinafter "Employees' Health Insurance Fund") which shall be separate from the General Fund or other funds. All Trust Territory Group Health Insurance Program funds transferred to the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be deposited in the Employees' Health Insurance Fund. All sums appropriated by Congress representing contributions of the National Government to the plan, all sums representing contributions of participating agencies to the plan, and all employee contributions to the plan shall be deposited in the Employees' Health Insurance Fund. Any unexpended
money in the Employees' Health Insurance Fund shall not revert to
the General Fund or lapse at the end of the fiscal year, but shall
remain in the Employees' Health Insurance Fund.

Section 5. **Premium contributions.** Employees participating in
the plan shall contribute 48 percent of the premium for insurance
under the plan. The National Government of the Federated States of
Micronesia shall contribute 52 percent of the premium for eligible
employees of the National Government participating in the plan. Any
participating agency shall contribute 52 percent of the premium for
that participating agency's employees participating in the plan.

Section 6. **Disposition of fund.** All money deposited in the
Employees' Health Insurance Fund shall be used to pay claims, except
that a sum representing not more than 10 percent of the balance of the
fund at the end of the preceding fiscal year may be expended for costs
of administration. For the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, the
sum expended for costs of administration shall not exceed $15,000.

Section 7. **Administration of the plan.** The plan shall be
administered by the Personnel Officer.

Section 8. **Reporting.** The Personnel Officer shall prepare and
submit an annual report on the status of the plan prior to the
commencement of each regular May session of Congress. This report
shall include a statement of the amount of money on deposit in the
Employees' Health Insurance Fund as of the date of the annual report,
the amount of premiums collected during the preceding fiscal year, the
amount of money disbursed for claims during the preceding fiscal year,
the number of claims paid during the preceding fiscal year, the costs of administration, and such other information as the Personnel Officer may deem appropriate.

Section 9. **Promulgation of regulations.** The Personnel Officer, with the approval of the President, shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to chapter 1 of title 17 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, governing the amount of the premium for insurance under the plan, the procedure for making claims under the plan, the amount and type of benefits under the plan, the policy limits under the plan, and such other matters as may be consistent with the contents and purpose of this act, including the implementation of those provisions of this act pertaining to participating agencies.

Section 10. **Effective date.** This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

December 26, 1984

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President
Federated States of Micronesia