A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to work with the High Commissioner to seek aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and any other United States agencies and from any international organizations as may be available to alleviate present and future drought problems in the Federated States of Micronesia.

1. WHEREAS, a drought of unusual length has racked the Federated States of Micronesia, causing severe water shortages on many islands; and

2. WHEREAS, the lack of rain has seriously injured both subsistence and cash crops and has weakened and killed many indigenous fruit trees; and

3. WHEREAS, a major rainstorm could cause large-scale erosion due to the fragile conditions of roots and the large number of dead and dying plants; and

4. WHEREAS, on many islands dangerous health conditions exist which have subjected the people to substantial risk of contracting contagious diseases, because the lack of water prohibits proper hygiene and sanitation; and

5. WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency was established by the United States Government to provide assistance to local governments and organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused by droughts and other natural disasters; and

6. WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has the power by law to assist the Trust Territory and the power under the proposed Compact of Free Association to assist the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1983, that the Congress requests the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to work with the High Commissioner to seek aid from the Federal Emergency Management agencies and any other United States agencies and from any international organizations as may be available to alleviate present and future drought problems in the Federated States of Micronesia; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the President of the United States, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Governor of each State of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: June 5, 1983

Introduced by: [Signature]

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