Respectfully requesting the Federated States of Micronesia Department of Social Services to give the highest possible priority to promoting both public awareness of birth control and sexually transmitted diseases, and the availability of medical services and pharmaceutical products which will promote birth control and prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

WHEREAS, the population of many of the islands in the Federated States of Micronesia is growing at a rate which will create severe strains upon our Nation's limited environmental and economic resources; and

WHEREAS, sexually transmitted diseases could become an increasingly greater threat to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, there have been confirmed cases of the lethal disease Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, which is often transmitted through sexual contact, in the geographic Micronesian region, and this disease could spread to the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, although the Federated States of Micronesia Department of Social Services has done commendable work in the fields of birth control and sexually transmitted diseases, its current efforts may not be sufficient to enable our Nation to deal with these increasingly serious problems; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby respectfully requests the Federated States of Micronesia Department of Social Services to give the highest possible priority to promoting both public awareness of birth control and sexually transmitted diseases, and the availability of medical services and pharmaceutical products which will promote birth control and prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief of the Division of Health Services of the Federated States of Micronesia, Department of Social Services; the Chief of the Division of Education of the Federated States of Micronesia, Department of Social Services; the President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and the Governors of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk, and Yap States.

Date: 11-07-85

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