Urging the United States Congress to amend U.S. Public Law 99-178 so that federal grants from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, and other related agencies are continued in the Federated States of Micronesia at least until the effective date of the Compact of Free Association.

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia that U.S. Public Law 99-178 stipulates that federal grants from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, and other related agencies currently being provided to the FSM shall be terminated once the Compact of Free Association is "enacted"; and

WHEREAS, while the United States Compact legislation was signed into law on January 14, 1986, the actual effective date of the Compact is presently unknown; and

WHEREAS, section 411 of the Compact establishes that the Compact shall come into effect upon mutual agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia cannot agree to an effective date pending a review and final determination as to the acceptability of changes made to the Compact by the United States; and

WHEREAS, Compact funding shall not be available until the Compact has gone into effect; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia, during negotiation of the Compact, was promised a smooth and orderly transition to Free Association; and

WHEREAS, termination of federal grant funding prior to the availability of Compact funds will create financial chaos and a heavy toll in terms of non-delivery of needed services in the FSM by
threatening the continuation of such programs as Head Start and
Maternal and Child Health assistance, among others; and

WHEREAS, it is not reasonable to equate the enactment of the
Compact with its effective date; and

WHEREAS, it is unclear if administrative steps can be taken in
the U.S. to avert this catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, until the effective date of the Compact the Trusteeship
remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the provision of federal programs has arisen from the
responsibilities of the United States Trusteeship; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 99-239 provides for the continuation of
programs such as the Maternal and Child Health program, as well as the
transitional continuation of education programs during the term of
the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
has long expressed concerns about the adequacy of federal programs
under the Compact; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of
Micronesia, Second Special Session, 1986, that the United States
Congress is hereby urged to amend U.S. Public Law 99-178 so that
federal grants from the Departments of Health and Human Services,
Education, Labor, and other related agencies shall continue in the
FSM at least until the effective date of the Compact of Free
Association; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committees of the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Senate, U.S. Ambassador Fred Zeder II, and Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior, Richard Monteys.

Date: March 20, 1984

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