



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 20-130
FSM CONGRESS

September 29, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Twentieth Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following congressional act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 20-47:

Congressional Act No. 20-42: "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 203 AND 204 THEREOF, TO DISSOLVE THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO EMPOWER THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO TRANSITION THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISSOLVED OFFICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

This act rectified an earlier bill upgrading the Office of Environment and Emergency Management into a department, by providing for a transition clause, as recommended by the executive, to prevent any unintended disruption as a result of the conversion.

I thank the 20th Congress for the passage of this act.

Sincerely,


Peter M. Christian
President



xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court



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His Excellency Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 20-42, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 203 AND 204 THEREOF, TO DISSOLVE THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO EMPOWER THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO TRANSITION THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISSOLVED OFFICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2017, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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ACT NO. 20-42

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 20-58, C.D.1, C.D.2)

We hereby certify that on September 20 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2017, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Handwritten signature of Liwiana Ramon Ioanis in black ink.

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

AN ACT

To further amend title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, by amending section 203 and 204 thereof, to dissolve the Office of Environment and Emergency Management, to empower the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to transition the functions of the dissolved office, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 203 of title 2 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 203. Departments.

5 (1) There shall be the following departments which
6 shall be responsible for major programs or
7 administrative support areas in the Government of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia:

9 (a) Department of Resources and Development;

10 (b) Department of Finance and Administration.

11 (c) Department of Foreign Affairs;

12 (d) Department of Health and Social Affairs;

13 (e) Department of Justice;

14 (f) Department of Transportation, Communication
15 and Infrastructure, which shall contain among other
16 units, a Project Management Unit for the Compact
17 Infrastructure Grants;

- 1 (g) Department of Education; and
2 (h) Department of Environment Climate Change and
3 Emergency Management.

4 (2) The administrative head of each department shall
5 be designated as a "Secretary".

6 (3) The administrative head of each office shall be
7 designated as a "Director".

8 (4) Succession and transition.

9 (a) Any reference to a previously existing
10 department, office or division thereof shall apply to
11 the appropriate successor entity.

12 (b) Any reference to any office or employee of
13 an entity referred to in subsection (4)(a) of this
14 section shall be construed as applying to the person
15 holding the same or most similar position in the
16 appropriate successor entity.

17 Section 2. Section 204 of title 2 of the Code of the
18 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public
19 Laws Nos. 19-29 and 19-63, is hereby further amended to read as
20 follows:

21 "Section 204. Other Executive Offices. There shall be
22 the following executive offices:

- 23 (1) Office of the Public Defender;
24 (2) Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic
25 Preservation; and

1 (3) Office of Veteran's Affairs."

2 Section 3. Subject to the requirements of title 2, section
3 207 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated),
4 as amended, the President shall provide for an orderly transition
5 of the functions previously held by the Office of Environment and
6 Emergency Management."

7 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
8 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
9 becoming law without such approval.

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September 29th, 2017


Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia