

A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 9 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to require a Member-elect to take the oath of office in person.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
2 is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and

3 WHEREAS, Section 9 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of
4 Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States
5 of Micronesia permits the administration of the oath of office
6 to be taken in person or remotely if the member-elect is
7 physically unable to travel at the first session of each new
8 Congress, and addressed to each such Member; and

9 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and
10 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of
11 Procedure; and

12 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-Third Congress of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia desire to clarify that the
14 administration of the oath of office is done collectively to the
15 Members-elect holding credentials acceptable to the Congress,
16 and require such Members-elect to take the oath of office in
17 person; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2023, that Section
20 9 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-

1 Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "Section 9. Oath. The person who calls the first session
4 of each new Congress to order shall request, any Justice of
5 the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia or
6 a presiding judge of the State Court, to administer the
7 following oath of office collectively in person to the
8 Members-elect [~~or remotely to a physically unable to travel~~
9 ~~Member-elect~~] holding credentials acceptable to the
10 Congress, and addressed to each Member:

11 "I, _____ solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will
12 faithfully execute the Office of Senator of the Congress of
13 the Federated States of Micronesia and will, to the best of
14 my ability, uphold, promote, and support the laws and the
15 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, so help
16 me God."; and

17 [~~The Speaker will administer the oath of office remotely to~~
18 ~~a Member-elect who is physically unable to attend the first~~
19 ~~session.~~]

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