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A RESOLUTION

Expressing support of the FSM's formal application for membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

1           WHEREAS, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher  
2 Education (WICHE) is a regional non-profit organization created  
3 by the Western Regional Education Compact, adopted in the  
4 1950's by Western states; and

5           WHEREAS, WICHE was created to facilitate resource sharing  
6 among the higher education systems of the West; and

7           WHEREAS, sixteen Western states comprise WICHE, namely:  
8 New Mexico, Montana, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Wyoming,  
9 Idaho, Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, Hawaii, North  
10 Dakota, South Dakota, and U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely  
11 Association States (FAS); and

12           WHEREAS, WICHE and its 16-member states work to improve  
13 access to higher education and ensure student success through  
14 student exchange programs, regional initiatives, and its  
15 research and policy work allow the organization to assist  
16 constituents throughout the West and beyond; and

17           WHEREAS, becoming a full member of WICHE will greatly  
18 benefit the FSM through reduced tuition fees in more than 145  
19 participating WICHE institutions; and

20           WHEREAS, the FSM could also benefit from WICHE resources in

1 policy development, workforce development, technology, health  
2 and other areas as a result of WICHE membership; and

3 WHEREAS, the FSM could similarly benefit from students of  
4 WICHE States who come to study in the FSM; now, therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved by the Twenty-First Congress  
6 of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session,  
7 2019, that Congress hereby is in support of the efforts of the  
8 Executive in seeking formal membership of WICHE; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certify a copy of the  
10 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
11 States of Micronesia.

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13 Date: 5/22/19

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper  
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(by request)

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