

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of the late Joakim "Jojo" Peter, on April 8, 2019.

1 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter, age 54, was born on August
2 29, 1964, and passed away on April 8, 2019, in Honolulu,
3 Hawaii; and

4 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter grew up on Etal, one of the
5 Mortlock Islands in Chuuk State in the Federated States of
6 Micronesia; and

7 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter earned a bachelor's degree
8 from the University of Guam, two master's degrees in history
9 and Pacific Island studies and a doctorate from the University
10 of Hawaii in special education; and

11 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter inspired a generation of
12 Pacific Island scholars and spent 15 years working at the
13 College of Micronesia; and

14 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter co-founded numerous
15 organizations to help the Micronesian community in Hawaii and
16 beyond, including the one-stop center We Are Oceania; COFA-CAN,
17 a local advocacy group; COFA-CLAN, a national advocacy group
18 and most recently he worked at the educational nonprofit
19 Pacific Resources for Education and Learning helping
20 Micronesian families understand their rights; and

1 WHEREAS, with Joakim "Jojo" Peter's appointment to the
2 Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, he became the first citizen of
3 a COFA nation to serve on any Hawaii state board or commission;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter is survived by his wife,
6 Sharon Peter and his brothers, Billy Sola Peter and Steve
7 Peter; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the
9 Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2019,
10 that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and
11 sadness at the passing of the late Joakim "Jojo" Peter on April
12 8, 2019; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
15 States of Micronesia and Mrs. Sharon Peter.

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17 Date: 5/23/19

Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina
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