

A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 3 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure for the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to explicitly provide for the ability to have a remote session via teleconference or online.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure;
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4 WHEREAS, Rule 1 Section 3 stipulates the place that the
5 congressional sessions shall occur; and

6 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and
7 open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of
8 Procedure; and

9 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-First Congress of the
10 Federated States of Micronesia's desire to amend the place of
11 session to include a remote session via teleconference or online;
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13 WHEREAS, the global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 outbreak
14 has caused the individual states of the Federated States of
15 Micronesia to close their borders and ports to ensure public
16 safety; now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2020, that Section 3
19 of Rule 1 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First
20 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended
21 to read as follows:

1 "Section 3. Place of sessions. The Congress shall meet
2 at place in the State of Pohnpei, designated by the
3 Speaker, or in such State of the Federated States of
4 Micronesia as the Congress of the Federated States of
5 Micronesia shall by resolution determine, at a place
6 designated by Speaker. In extraordinary circumstances
7 which prevents members of Congress of the Federated States
8 of Micronesia from meeting in the same locale, the
9 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia may meet
10 remotely via teleconference or online with members in
11 different locations.; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
13 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
14 of Micronesia.

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16 Date: 4/9/20

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