

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to allocate any remaining grant funding for COVID-19 relief at the National Government level to the four states to assist in our Nation's efforts to transition to a safe, post-pandemic open border.

1 WHEREAS, at the beginning of 2020 a new virus was identified,
2 SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) which spread throughout almost the entire
3 world and resulted in over six million deaths in thirty months
4 worldwide;

5 WHEREAS, it was fortunate that at the beginning of this
6 global pandemic the Federated States of Micronesia restricted
7 entry into the Nation beginning with the President's National
8 Public Health Emergency Declaration of March 14, 2020; and

9 WHEREAS, the extraordinary efforts of the National and State
10 Governments, and our citizens have fortunately allowed our Nation
11 to avoid the spread of COVID-19 into the Federated States of
12 Micronesia, however, this has resulted in much economic and
13 societal hardship for our citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, with the development of effective vaccines and
15 treatment for the COVID-19 virus a transition plan has been
16 developed for a safe opening of the borders of our Nation, and it
17 is the understanding of the Congress of the Federated States of
18 Micronesia that the majority of the remaining work to be done will
19 take place at the State Government level at their Offices of

1 Public Health, Departments of Health and hospitals; and

2 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
3 wishes to ensure the remaining necessary work at the State
4 Government level regarding the post-pandemic border opening be
5 fully funded and completed at the earliest opportunity; now,
6 therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated
8 States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022, that the
9 Congress hereby requests the President allocate any remaining
10 grant funding for COVID-19 relief at the National Government level
11 to the four States to assist in our Nation's efforts to transition
12 to a safe, post-pandemic open border; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
15 of Micronesia and to the Governor of each state of the Nation.

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17 Date: 7/19/22

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