



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 16-176
FSM CONGRESS

March 17, 2010

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
16th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 16-27.

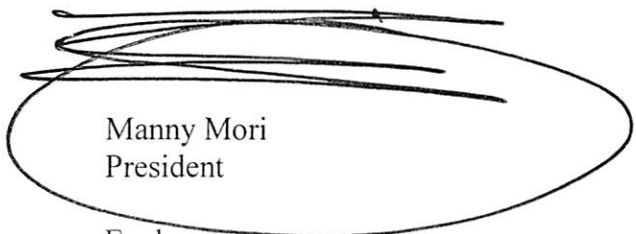
Congressional Act No. 16-28, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 601 THEREOF TO ESTABLISH MICRONESIAN CULTURE AND TRADITIONAL DAY AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Every nation requires a national holiday to reflect upon its cultural and traditional heritage and uniqueness. Federated States of Micronesia is no exception. I am indeed delighted to know that there is concession from state leaderships to have such proposed national holiday. It is said that in time of adversity and instability, cultural values and identity plays a major role in unity and security.

I fully support the intent of this bill and I recommend that we initiate consideration of incidental cost and expenses, particularly those in relation to festivities anticipated to be held that day and holiday rate compensation for those national employees that would be required to work on such holiday.

I thank you and all the members of Congress for the time and exuberant efforts taken on this matter.

Sincerely,


Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

xc: Chief Justice, Acting FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
Library, CFSM
Director, Office of SBOC
PIO, FSM





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PUBLIC LAW No. 16-27

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 601 THEREOF TO ESTABLISH MICRONESIAN CULTURE AND TRADITIONS DAY AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: PETER SITAN

DATE: MAY 11, 2009

REFERRED TO: JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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Liwiana K. Ramon
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Office of the Chief Clerk

February 17, 2010



His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 16-28, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 601 THEREOF TO ESTABLISH MICRONESIAN CULTURE AND TRADITIONS DAY AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2010, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liwiana K. Ramon".

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



Office of the Speaker

*Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia*

*Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia*

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ACT NO. 16-28

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 16-1)

We hereby certify that on February 15 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2010, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Liwiana K. Ramon".

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

AN ACT

To further amend title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 601 thereof to establish Micronesian Culture and Traditions Day as a national holiday and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 601 of title 1 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia as amended by Public Laws Nos. 7-20
3 and 13-38, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 601. National Holidays.

5 The following days shall be observed as national
6 holidays throughout the Federated States of Micronesia:

7 (1) the first day of January of each year, which is
8 hereby designated as New Year's Day;

9 (2) the tenth day of May of each year, which is
10 hereby designated as Federated States of Micronesia Day
11 to commemorate the effective date of the Constitution of
12 the Federated States of Micronesia;

13 (3) the third day of November of each year, which is
14 hereby designated as Independence Day to commemorate the
15 termination of the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement
16 as it applied to the Federated States of Micronesia and
17 the commencement of full self-government for the people
18 of the Federated States of Micronesia;

19 (4) the eleventh day of November of each year, which

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1 is hereby designated as FSM Veterans of Foreign Wars Day
2 to commemorate those citizens of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia serving in Foreign Wars through service in
4 the armed forces of the United States of America;

5 (5) the twenty-fifth day of December of each year,
6 which is hereby designated as Christmas Day;

7 (6) the twenty-fourth day of October of each year,
8 which is hereby designated as United Nations Day; and

9 (7) the thirty-first day of March of each year, which
10 is hereby designated as Micronesian Culture and
11 Tradition Day."

12 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
13 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
14 becoming law without such approval.

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24 President
25 Federated States of Micronesia