A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Merchants of the Federated States of Micronesia to stop the importation of certain brands of rice that are detrimental to the health of the people of the FSM into the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, based on a report in the January/February 2007 Pacific Magazine some brands of enriched rice commonly sold in the Pacific do not contain the nutrients indicated on their labels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Racheal Leon Guerrero at the University of Guam ordered some nutrient analysis from the U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratories in Virginia for one brand of rice and subsequently found discrepancies between the claims of the rice packaging, and the actual contents; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory in Virginia further performed a series of analyses on rice samples of eleven (11) other brands submitted to them by Dr. Rachael Leon Guerrero and determined they do not meet the enrichment standard minimum and were below nutritional content indicated on their packages: and

WHEREAS, such brands of rice include Hakubai Sweet Rice, Safeway medium grain, Safeway Calrose, Diamon G Calrose, Diamond G Calrose (short), Pacific Pride Calrose, Guam Rose Calrose, Royal Phoenix Jasmine, Ko Ko Jasmine Fragrant, Ho Mai Calrose, Dynasty Jasmine and Maruyu; and

WHEREAS, importation of brands of rice not containing
nutritional content indicated on their packages is detrimental to
the health of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia and
those residing in this nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2007, that the
Congress hereby requests the merchants of the Federated States
of Micronesia to stop the importation of such brands of rice
into the FSM; and

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

Date: 1/12/07
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