A RESOLUTION

Urging the Governments of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia, namely the appropriate State authorities of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae, to consider legislation that will make it a criminal offence to intentionally or recklessly cause another person to contract the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

WHEREAS the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is recognized by regional and public health officials as a virus with devastating consequences for human beings; and
WHEREAS cases of HIV infection have been identified in Micronesia; and
WHEREAS the HIV virus may be easily transmitted from one human being to another without the knowledge of the person who may be receiving the virus; and
WHEREAS the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is currently considering a Bill that would criminalize the intentional or reckless transmission of HIV to another person, by any means; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2006, that the Congress hereby requests the States of the Federated States of Micronesia to consider legislation that would criminalize the intentional or reckless transmission of HIV to another person;

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.
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Introduced by: /s/ Ramon Peyal

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