March 19, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
15th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

Re: Congressional Act No. 15-34

Dear Speaker Figir:

I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 15-28.

Congressional Act No. 15-34, “AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 204 OF TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION TO FSM NATIONALS AND CHILDREN OF FSM CITIZENS, AND, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF CONGRESS THROUGH BILL, CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION FOR SPOUSE OF FSM CITIZENS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

XC: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
Secretary, Department of Justice
Legislative Counsel, CFSM
Library, CFSM
Director, SBOC
PIO, FSM
February 24, 2008

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 15-34, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 204 OF TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION TO FSM NATIONALS AND CHILDREN OF FSM CITIZENS, AND, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF CONGRESS THROUGH BILL, CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION FOR SPOUSES OF FSM CITIZENS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2008, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

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INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR PETER SITAN
DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2007

REFERRED TO: JUDICIARY & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
FIRST READING: FEBRUARY 19, 2008
SECOND READING: FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 15-159
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 15-34

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 15-75, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on February 20 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2008, 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.

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

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

To amend section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, in order to allow for citizenship through naturalization to FSM nationals and children of FSM citizens, and, with the recommendation of Congress through bill, citizenship through naturalization for spouses of FSM citizens, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as
3 follows:
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5 "Section 204. Naturalization.
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7 (1) A person may be naturalized as a citizen of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form
9 prescribed by laws or regulation if the person:
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11 (a) shall have lawfully resided within the
12 Federated States of Micronesia, whether prior or
13 subsequent to the effective date of the Constitution, for
14 at least five years immediately preceding the date of
15 filing his petition for naturalization;
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17 (b) is a child of a citizen, or is a national, of
18 the Federated States of Micronesia;
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20 (c) upon naturalization, shall have renounced
21 previous citizenship and allegiance to any and all
22 foreign powers and rulers, and submitted positive and
23 verifiable documentary evidence of said renunciations,
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and taken an oath of allegiance in a manner and form
prescribed by law or regulation;

(d) has competence in at least one of the
indigenous languages of the Federated States of
Micronesia evidenced by passing a language examination
prepared and administered by the President or his
designee; and

(e) has not been convicted of a felony as defined
by the laws of the place where conviction took place.

(2) The President, on Congress' recommendation by bill,
may naturalize a person as a citizen of the Federated
States of Micronesia in a manner or form prescribed by
laws or regulation if the person:

(a) is in compliance with the criteria set out in
subsections 204 (1)(a), (c), (d) and (e), above; and

(b) is a spouse of a citizen of the Federated
States of Micronesia.
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

03.20, 2008

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia