June 7, 2007

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

RE: C.A. No. 15-1

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 15-2:

Congressional Act No. 15-1, “AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-76 AND AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-98, BY AMENDING SECTION 605 TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT THE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA REMAIN OPEN FROM SEVEN (7) DAYS TO ELECTION DAY ONLY, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS THOSE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES REMAIN OPEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
    Secretary, Dept. of Justice
    Secretary, Dept. of Finance and Administration
    Legislative Counsel, CFSM
    Library, CFSM
    PIO, FSM
June 01, 2007

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 15-1, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-76 AND AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-98, BY AMENDING SECTION 605 TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT THE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA REMAIN OPEN FROM SEVEN DAYS TO ELECTION DAY ONLY, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS THOSE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES REMAIN OPEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2007, 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

Enclosures
An Act

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INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR PETER SITAN
DATE: MAY 15, 2007

REFERRED TO: JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

FIRST READING: MAY 24, 2007
SECOND READING: MAY 25, 2007

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 15-1

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 15-10)

We hereby certify that on May 25 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2007, 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 further amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 14-76 and amended by Public Law No. 14-98, by amending section 605 to reduce the number of days that the special polling places located outside of the Federated States of Micronesia remain open from seven days to election day only, to increase the number of hours those special polling places remain open; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 14-76, and amended by Public Law 14-98 is hereby amended by amending section 605 of chapter 6 to read as follows:

"Section 605. Voting absentee ballot at a special Polling Place.

(1) Registered Voters who are absent from their State of registration on Election Day may cast their votes at a special Polling Place.

(2) Not less than 60 days prior to a general election, or 45 days prior to a special election, the National Election Director shall designate the locations of the special Polling Places, provided that, there shall be one special Polling Place in Guam and one special Polling Place in Honolulu and that these shall be the only special Polling Places located outside the Federated States of Micronesia."
(3) Requests to vote absentee ballot at a special Polling Place must be in writing, using the forms required by the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, and received by the national election commissioner of the State of registration not less than 30 days prior to a general election or 20 days before a special election; provided however, no written request shall be required if in a previous National Election the absentee voter submitted a request in which he or she indicated his or her desire to vote at the same special Polling Place in future National Elections until such time as the voter provides written notification to the national election commissioner that he or she wishes to resume voting at his or her regular Polling Place. Provided, further, that a voter with a valid Voter Identification Card may vote at any special Polling Place designated for his or her Congressional Election District without submitting a written request.

(4) The national election commissioner, or his or her designee, shall review all special Polling Place requests for a particular Congressional Election District, and shall request that the National Election Director place on a special Polling Place Signature List for that Congressional Election District all the information contained on the National Voter Register for those
absentee voters who submitted valid and timely requests.

No later than six days before a National Election, the
national election commissioners shall post at the
National Election Office in their State the special
Polling Place Signature List for each special Polling
Place in their State.

(5) The National Election Director, or his or her
designee, shall review all requests to vote at a special
Polling Place outside the Federated States of Micronesia,
and shall place on a special Polling Place signature list
for that special Polling Place all the information
contained on the National Voter Register for those
absentee voters who submitted valid and timely requests.

No later than 14 days before a National Election, the
National Election Director, or his or her designee, shall
post the special Polling Place Signature Lists for Guam
and Honolulu in a publicly accessible place in each
respective location to be set out in the regulations
promulgated pursuant to this title.

(6) The National Election Director, or his or her
designee, shall strike out or delete the entry of an
absentee voter included on a special Polling Place
Signature list from the Signature List for that voter's
regular Polling Place. The absentee voter shall not be
allowed to cast a ballot at his or her regular Polling
Place on Election Day.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the special Polling Places located outside the Federated States of Micronesia shall remain open between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on election day."

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.

06/08, 2007

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia