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:

Section 1. Section 204 of title 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 204. Naturalization.

(1) A person may be naturalized as a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia in a manner or form prescribed by laws or regulation if the person:

(a) shall have lawfully resided within the Federated States of Micronesia, whether prior or subsequent to the effective date of the Constitution, for at least five years immediately preceding the date of filing his petition for naturalization;

(b) is a child of a citizen, or is a national, of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(c) upon naturalization, shall have renounced previous citizenship and allegiance to any and all foreign powers and rulers, and submitted positive and verifiable documentary evidence of said renunciations,
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.

March 20, 2008

/s/ Manny Mori
Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia