

A RESOLUTION

Approving the Federated States of Micronesia's National Policy on Disability for the period of 2009 to 2016.

1 WHEREAS, recent research by the United Nations revealed that
2 the FSM has over 10,000 people with some form of disability; and

3 WHEREAS, there is a need to improve rights, services and
4 treatment programs to facilitate an inclusive and barrier-free
5 society for disabled persons in the FSM; and

6 WHEREAS, Strategic Goal 9 of the FSM Strategic Development
7 Plan (SDP) calls for progression of effective mechanisms
8 addressing the economic, legal, political and social needs of
9 disabled persons in the FSM; and

10 WHEREAS, the FSM is a signatory to the Biwako Millennium
11 Framework for Action Towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and
12 Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the
13 Pacific (BMF), an instrument providing guidance to the development
14 of policy, planning and implementation of disability-friendly
15 programs; and

16 WHEREAS, the FSM is a signatory to the Convention on the
17 Rights of the Child which, inter alia, specifically requires
18 recognition of the rights of disabled children and development of
19 social integration and individual development programs and
20 services; and

21 WHEREAS, the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, in

1 consultation with the FSM Department of Education, State
2 Governments, Non-Government Organizations, International
3 Organizations, and members of the civil society and stakeholders
4 has developed the FSM National Policy on Disability; now,
5 therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
7 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2009, that Congress
8 hereby approves and adopts the National Policy on Disability; and

9 BE IT RESOLVED that Congress commends the efforts of the
10 consultation group and encourages the continuity of its exuberant
11 services to implement the National Policy on Disability; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
14 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Health and
15 Social Affairs, Secretary of Education and the State Governors.

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17 Date: 5/28/09

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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