A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to make an immediate review of the criminal records of all FSM citizens who have already successfully completed the terms of their sentencing to determine if they might be eligible to receive a Presidential Pardon and have their criminal records expunged.

WHEREAS, some FSM citizens have successfully completed the terms of their sentencing as administered by the Courts of the Federated States of Micronesia and returned to be effective, viable and sustaining members of our community; and

WHEREAS, some FMS citizens with a criminal past have put the past behind them and are living a clean present and should have the opportunity for continued future growth and advancement; and

WHEREAS, a criminal record will stand as an impediment to the growth and future advancement to those effective, viable and sustaining members of our community with a criminal past; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary during this season of forgiveness, rebirth and national prayer to give the FSM citizens who are attempting to change their lives a fresh start; and

WHEREAS, some criminal infractions might be deemed worthy of forgiveness and Presidential Pardon during this period of forgiveness, rebirth and national prayer; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, that the Congress hereby requests the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to make an immediate review of the records of those who have successfully
completed the terms of their sentencing to determine if they might be eligible for a Presidential pardon to coincide with this season of forgiveness, rebirth and national prayer so that they might have a fresh start with continued growth and advancement without the impediment of a criminal history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governors of the states, Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court and the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

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