A BILL FOR AN ACT

To enact a title 28 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, to establish a Chamber of Traditional Chiefs, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. A new title 28 is hereby added to the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, entitled "TITLE 28: CHAMBER OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS."

Section 2. A section 101 of title 28 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read as follows:

"Section 101. Statement of purpose.

The people of the many islands of the Federated States of Micronesia have unique and ancient cultures comprised of diverse traditions and customs. These traditions and customs should be respected and preserved. In order to do this a Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall be created. This Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall advise the National and State Governments for the purpose of strengthening and encouraging the customs and traditions of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia."

Section 3. A section 102 of title 28 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read as
follows:

“Section 102. Composition of the Chamber of Traditional Chiefs.

The Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall consist of four traditional chiefs from each state. Selection of the traditional chiefs shall be consistent with that particular state’s unique tradition. In states with no traditional chiefs the state legislature shall select four individuals to represent the interests of their state’s traditions and customs in the Chamber.”

Section 4. A new section 108 of title 28 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read as follows:

“Section 103. Powers and duties.

The Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) to provide advice to the National and State Governments regarding the encouraging and strengthening of the traditions and customs of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(2) to monitor the activities of the National and State Governments and their agencies which could have an impact on traditions and customs;

(3) to participate in Nation-wide leadership
forums, including the state and national leadership conferences;

(4) to prepare and submit a report at least once a year to the President, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as, the executive, legislature, and judiciary branches of each state, setting forth the activities of the Chamber during the period since its last report and its plans for future activities;

(5) to establish facilities and acquire equipment and supplies as may be necessary for the effective implementation of its mandate, taking all reasonable steps to guard against unnecessary duplication of facilities and materials at the national and state levels;

(6) to prepare and promulgate rules, regulations, and guidelines necessary to the effective implementation of this section; and

(7) to engage in such other activities as are not inconsistent with the purposes of this title."

Section 5. A section 104 of title 28 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read as follows:
“Section 104. Compensation.

Members of the Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall be entitled to compensation as to be determined by law. In addition, all members of the Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall be paid per diem and travel expenses at standard government rates incidental to travel required to fulfill their responsibilities under this title.”

Section 6. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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