December 16, 2011

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
17th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 17-29:

Congressional Act No. 17-29, ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NOS. 16-71, 17-05 AND 17-18, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

However, in passing this act, I would like to reiterate a concern that I have expressed in the past. Projects involving "operations" raise a potential separation of powers issue. I respectfully request that these issues be rectified by Congress in the future to ensure continued collaboration and efficiency between our two branches.

Thank you very much in advance for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Manny Mori
President

Enclosures:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
    Secretary, Department of Justice
    Director, Office of SBOC
    [Legislative Counsel, CFSM]
    Library, CFSM
    PIO, FSM
November 29, 2011

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

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-29, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05 AND 17-18, BY AMENDING SECTION 4 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF Pohnpei, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2011, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Liwiana Ramon Ioannis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: DOHSIS HALBERT
DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2011

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – NOVEMBER 22, 2011
FIRST READING: NOVEMBER 22, 2011
SECOND READING: NOVEMBER 23, 2011

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 17-29

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-72, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on November 23 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2011, 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 Ucheg
Speaker
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

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Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 16-62, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 16-71, 17-05 and 17-18, by amending section 4 thereof, to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated therein to fund public projects and social programs in the State of Pohnpei, and for other purposes.

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

Section 4 of Public Law No. 16-62, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 16-71, 17-05 and 17-18, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. Of the sum of $1,050,000 appropriated by this act, $300,000 is apportioned for Pohnpei State for public projects and social programs.

State of Pohnpei ....................... $ 300,000

(1) Pohnpei at Large .................... 75,000
  (a) Soledi road construction .......... 30,000
  (b) Food relief ........................ 7,000
  (c) Pohnpei road improvement/repair 30,000
  (d) MS. Caroline Voyager .............. 5,000
  (e) Ohwa School Food subsidy ......... 3,000

(2) Election District No. 1 ............. 75,000
  (a) Road construction/improvement 65,000
  (b) Completion of Kapingi's Multipurpose Center ....................... 7,000
  (c) Poultry project subsidy to assist in purchase of feed and veterinary
and vaccination costs....................... $3,000

(3) Election District No. 2 .............. 75,000
   (a) Pohnpei PIBA Chapter .............. 10,000
   (b) Contractual Services for teacher aide at Salapwuk elementary school..... 6,000
   (c) Contractual Service for a cook at Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS)..... 6,000
   (d) Election District No. 2 participation in Guam softball tournament.. 20,000
   (e) Election District No. 2 operation 5,000
   (f) Civic Centers ....................... 10,000
   (g) Pehleng fish market ................ 4,000
   (h) Students financial assistance .. 4,000
   (i) Water system upgrade at Madolenihmw High School ......................... 4,000
   (j) Kitti Municipal Government Building improvement......................... 6,000
(4) Election District No. 3 .............. 75,000
   (a) Students financial assistance .. 2,000
   (b) Dolonier, Nett farm road improvement ................................. 25,000
   (c) U Secondary road improvement ... 30,000
   (d) Water project ....................... 10,000
   (e) Contractual services for Grant writing on Seed money..................... 5,000
(f) Election District No. 3 Rural

Internet Connectivity services ............. $3,000

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.

December 16, 2011

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia