April 24, 2012

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

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following congressional acts to become public laws with my signature:


Public Law No. 17-41. Congressional Act No. 17-44, “AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-58, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-64, 16-72, 17-08, 17-11, 17-20 and 17-35, BY AMENDING SECTION 5 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Public Law No. 17-42. Congressional Act No. 17-46, “AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 1 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-63, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-49, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Public Law No. 17-43. Congressional Act No. 17-47, “AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-107, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 15-03, 15-20 AND 17-15, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR YAP STATE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”
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In the past, I have expressed concerns regarding repetitive and numerous amendments of appropriation for public projects and social programs similar to those listed above. The numerous amendments clearly reflect hasty and ambiguous planning, and absence of clearly defined objectives. The amendments of public projects are repetitious in nature. In most cases, they involve shifting around small amounts of leftover funds to support existing or new projects. The process is administratively tedious, costly and a waste of time. By the time the administrative paper works are completed, the needs of the recipients would have changed as well, thus, the amendments become ineffectual.  

It is time to seriously reassess our national policy on public projects and social programs. Considering our bleak financial outlook, it is crucial that public projects are planned in a way that will bring about meaningful impact on livelihood and economic condition of people on the streets. Furthermore, transparency requires that certain criteria must be developed that will guide in the implementation of projects and related programs. For this reason, I continue to express concern with regard to the absence of public hearing or executive views on proposed public projects, and their amendments.  

To improve our national policies as explained above, for FY13, I have recommended inclusion of public projects and social programs in the annual budget. I also recommend that the projects and programs should be planned for a 3-year period, to avoid repetitive and costly amendments. If this policy is adopted, Congress will be able to plan and analyze any proposed project or program in a more strategic manner by linking it to the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) of the Nation.  

With warm personal regards, I remain,  

Sincerely,  

Manny Mori  
President  

Enclosure:  

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court  
Acting Secretary, Department of Justice  
Director, Office of SBOC  
Legislative Counsel, CFSM  
Library, CFSM  
PIO, FSM
April 04, 2012

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. 17-44, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-58, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-64, 16-72, 17-08, 17-11, 17-20 AND 17-35, BY AMENDING SECTION 5 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures
An Act

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: BONSIANO F. NETHON
DATE: MARCH 27, 2012

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
FIRST READING: MARCH 31, 2012
SECOND READING: APRIL 2, 2012

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 17-44

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-126)

We hereby certify that on April 2 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2012, 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 V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2012

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-126

AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 16-58, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 16-64, 16-72, 17-08, 17-11, 17-20 and 17-35, by amending section 5 thereof, to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated therein to fund public projects and social programs in the State of Chuuk for the fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 5 of Public Law No. 16-58, as amended by
2 Public Law No. 17-08, is hereby further amended to read as
3 follows:
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"Section 5. Of the sum of $1,005,000 appropriated by
5 this act, $300,000 is apportioned for Chuuk State for
6 public projects and social programs.
7 State of Chuuk .............................................. 300,000
8 (1) Chuuk at Large................................. 50,000
9 (a) Leadership travel (municipal,
10 state, traditional, and youth leaders)..... 10,000
11 (b) Food relief assistance................. 15,000
12 (c) Contractual services for
13 project coordinators......................... 5,000
14 (d) Fishing project......................... 10,000
15 (e) Land transportation............... 10,000
16 (2) Election District No. 1.............. 35,000
17 (a) Leadership travel (municipal,
18 state, traditional leaders)............. 18,007
(b) Student land transportation... $0
(c) Food relief assistance...... 16,993

(3) Election District No. 2........ 40,000
   (a) Fishing equipment ........ 15,000
   (b) Housing renovation supplement... 15,000
   (c) Municipal leaders travel.... 10,000

(4) Election District No. 3........ 45,000
   (a) Food and water system relief assistance........ 14,288
   (b) Election District No. 3 operation........ 10,000
   (c) Sewing project........ 5,000
   (d) Southern Namoneas leadership conference 6,712
   (e) Leadership travel (municipal, state, traditional leaders)........ 9,000

(5) Election District No. 4........ 65,000
   (a) Food relief assistance...... 20,000
   (b) Faichuk Development Authority Administration subsidy........ 10,000
   (c) Purchase of vehicle for Tol municipal government.......... 5,000
   (d) Leadership travel (state and municipal leaders)........ 10,000
   (e) Election District No. 4 operation........ 20,000
(6) Election District No. 5 .............. $40,000
   (a) Election District No. 5 operation
       ........................................ 10,000
   (b) Transportation safety equipment/supplies
       ........................................ 10,000
   (c) Transportation needs
       ........................................ 20,000
(7) Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Projects (CSCIP) Administrative support services 25,000"

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.

April 24, 2012

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia