April 25, 2012

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 Acts to become public Laws with my signature:

Public Law No. 17-45. Congressional Act No. 17-39, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 6 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-10, BY CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, TO SET THE LAPSE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 17-46. Congressional Act No. 17-40, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-23, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-29, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, TO SET THE LAPSE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 17-47. Congressional Act No. 17-43, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-62, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-71, 17-05, 17-18 AND 17-29, 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, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Public Law No. 17-48. Congressional Act No. 17-45, "AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-36, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 THEREIN, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF KOSRAE, Pohnpei AND CHUUK, TO OFFER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
Public projects and social programs are indispensable mechanism for community development and wellbeing. It should be a common goal for all leaders to ascertain continuity of such projects and program until fully implemented.

While I do not oppose public projects and social programs, I am concern with the repeated changes in the laws in particular, for the use of the funds, assignment of Allottees and the lapse dates. The continuous changes, in essence, may be interpreted as an indecision or weakness on our part as government planners and decision makers. We must continue to ensure that the public projects and social programs are not politically motivated but rather are in line with the Nation’s Development plan. It is imperative that we combine our efforts to ascertain proper use of public funds.

I thank you and all members of Congress in anticipation of your cooperation and commitment in improving the manner in which public funds are dispensed for public projects and programs.

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
March 31, 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. 17-39, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 6 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-49, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-10, BY CHANGING THE ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF CHUUK, TO SET THE LAPSE DATE, 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,

[Signature]

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

Enclosures
An Act

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FLORENCIO S. HARPER
DATE: MARCH 19, 2012

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
WITHDRAWN – MARCH 26, 2012
FIRST READING: MARCH 26, 2012
SECOND READING: MARCH 28, 2012
ACT NO. 17-39

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-114, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on March 28 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
AN ACT

To further amend section 6 of Public Law No. 16-49, as amended by Public Law No. 17-10, by changing the allottee of certain funds previously appropriated therein for the purpose of funding public projects and social programs in the State of Chuuk, to set the lapse date, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 16-49, as amended by Public Law No. 17-10, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Allotment and management of funds and lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appropriated. The allottee of funds appropriated under sections 2 and 4 of this act shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee;

PROVIDED THAT the allottee of funds appropriated under section 4(1)(b) shall be the Pohnpei Transportation Authority and the allottee of the funds appropriated under section 4(1)(j) shall be the Mayor of Kolonia Town
Government. The allottee of funds appropriated under section 3 of this act shall be the Governor of Yap State. The allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 5(1)(4)(5)(6), (7) and (8) of this act shall be the Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Project (CSCIP). The allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 5(2) of this act shall be the Mortlock Islands Development Authority (MIDA). The allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 5(3) of this act shall be the Executive Director of the Northern Namoneas Social and Economic Development Authority. The funds appropriated by this act shall lapse on September 30, 2014.”

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 20, 2012

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia