STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-177

RE: C.R. NO. 18-177/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$324,300 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN

SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

JULY 10, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert Speaker, Eighteenth Congress Federated States of Micronesia Fourth Special Session, 2014

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18- 177 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324,300 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, TO FUND THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE FSM, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in this title.

On July 8, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-177 jointly with the Committee on External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this grant would fund continuing programs in family planning and preventative services. The important work and services that this grant supports is well known to the Committee and it believes it improves the overall health of our Nation's

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citizens. Additional financial support for this program is desirable.

The Secretary of Health and Social Affairs reiterated that the programs funded by this grant do not discourage people from having children or attempt to dictate a certain family size, but work to educate a broad spectrum of our citizens to support the best health of parents and children under the best possible circumstances. This grant would support education, funding for contraceptives and related assistance in all four states. The funding for the coming year is also sufficient to continue work on all of the COM-FSM campuses.

A detailed budget for this coming year was provided by the Department at the hearing. The breakdown is attached with this report. The Department stated that no funding contribution was required from the National or State Governments to utilize this grant, and the contribution from the FSM was in-kind only.

Your Committee emphasized with the Department the need to transition more of the funding to the State level. It also questioned the effectiveness of this program as the vast majority of the funding is to be spent on salaries, and also raised the issue of whether grants such as this one created dependency and put our government at mercy of the grantor countries/organizations. The Secretary stated that in the case of family planning and related services much of the work was labor-intensive educational programs so the salaries were justified in making a large part of the program. As to the of these programs it was hoped that once the awareness and educational level had been raised, in the majority of the population, the program could be sustained with much less funding.

Overall your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is supportive of the program that this grant will support. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-177, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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