STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-186

RE: C.R. NO. 18-180/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,962 FROM THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL

PARK SERVICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND.

JULY 12, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-180 entitled.

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,962 FROM THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND, TO FUND THE POHNPEI STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, 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 its title.

The resolution would approve a grant to fund the conservation and preservation efforts for the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office for the year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 3014.

Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the Committee on External Affairs on July 10, 2014. In attendance were Acting Director of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation Office and his key staff,

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the Department of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration.

Your Committee took the opportunity to express its appreciation to the Acting Director and his Office for the hard work that the Office has done on a very limited budget. The Acting Director stated that this grant would fund the Pohnpei State Office, including salaries. Approximately \$90,000 was budgeted in this grant for an anthropologist and an archeologist. Both of these professionals would be working throughout the States, but will be spending significant time assisting in the nomination process to have Nan Madol and Lelu ruins designated as a World Heritage Site.

The Acting Director stated that the other states will be receiving their grant award sometime during the later half of this year. Unfortunately, Chuuk has not been in compliance with the grantor and will not receive funding again this year. The problem with Chuuk is a failure to submit the required reports. The Acting Director stated he was working with the Chuuk office to resolve this issue.

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for our Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office is very important for the Federated States of Micronesia. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-180, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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