January 6, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker
Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am returning the following congressional act, which I signed to become Public Law No. 18-34:

Congressional Act No. 18-24, entitled: “AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 8 UNDER SUBSECTION II, TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FSM’S NATIONWIDE INTEGRATED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

I thank the Congress for passing the Federated States of Micronesia Climate Change Act. Establishing a national policy in the area of climate change is essential in protecting our nation and furthering the interests and well-being of our people.

As mandated by the law, the relevant departments will see to it that the plans and policies, consistent with the provision of the Climate Change Policy, will be completed on or before October 1, 2014.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

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
December 00, 2013

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. 18-24, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 25 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 8 UNDER SUBSECTION II, TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FSM’S NATIONWIDE INTEGRATED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2013, 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

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INTRODUCED BY SENATORS: ISAAC V. FIGIR AND YOSIWO P. GEORGE
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REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT
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Liwiana Ramón Iomnis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 18-24

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-72, C.D.1, C.D.2, C.D.3)

We hereby certify that on November 27 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2013, 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.

Dohsis Halbert
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 title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by creating a new Chapter 8 under subsection II, to implement certain provisions of the FSM's Nationwide Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Policy, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 1. Purpose. This act is in furtherance of the provisions on climate change of the Federated States of Micronesia's Nationwide Integrated Disaster and Climate Change Policy (hereinafter the "CC Policy") by introducing certain legal obligations for departments and agencies of the National Government. It is expected that this act and the above-mentioned policy will provide the overarching framework for further detailed legislation on climate change.

2. Section 2. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by creating a new Chapter 8 under subsection II of title 25 to be entitled "Climate Change".

3. Section 3. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a new section 801 under chapter 8 to read as follows:

   "Section 801. Short Title. This chapter is known and
may be cited as the "Federated States of Micronesia
Climate Change Act".

Section 4. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of
Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a
new section 802 under chapter 8 to read as follows:

"Section 802. Mainstreaming of obligations.

(1) By October 1, 2014, the following departments
and agencies shall prepare plans and policies on
climate change consistent with the provisions of the
CC Policy:

- Department of Resources and Development;
- Office of Environment and Emergency
  Management;
- Department of Transportation, Communications
  and Infrastructure;
- Department of Health and Social Affairs;
- Department of Education;
- Department of Finance and Administration;
- Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic
  Management; and
- Department of Foreign Affairs;

(2) The Office of Environment and Emergency
Management shall coordinate the implementation of the
CC Policy; and gather, make publicly available, and
keep the required plans and policies from the
departments and agencies mentioned in subsection (1).

(3) The Office of Environment and Emergency
Management shall advise the President and represent
the Executive on any public hearing called by
Congress on the progress of implementation of the CC
Policy."

Section 5. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of
Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting a
new section 803 under chapter 8 to read as follows:

"Section 803. Reporting Obligations.
(1) Every year starting with Fiscal year 2015 the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia shall
submit a report to Congress on the progress of the
implementation of the CC Policy, and recommend
additional legislation where applicable and necessary.
(2) The President in the April 1 submission to
Congress of the national budget request may as
necessary request funding to include specific line
items for the implementation of the CC Policy."
Section 6. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

January 3, 2013

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia