April 14, 2015

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

Dear Speaker Halbert:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 18-115:

Congressional Act No. 18-124, entitled: “AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $1,600,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE NATION AND VANUATU DUE TO THE EFFECTS FOR TYPHOON MAYSAK AND CYCLONE PAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Even though the amount appropriated in this Act is insufficient to remedy the devastation caused by the Super Typhoon Maysak, I am constrained to sign the Act for the sake of the victims devastated by the recent calamity. The States of Chuuk and Yap do need urgent relief assistance to support feeding programs and to rehabilitate infrastructures destroyed by the typhoon. Since the National Government has the capacity to provide the relief assistance needed, it must then demonstrate its readiness to do so as a matter of duty.

Moreover, our international partners are mindful of the Nation’s emergency response in terms of the effectiveness of the assistance accorded to the typhoon victims. Unfortunately, the amount appropriated so far is hardly enough to mount effective recovery efforts for Chuuk and Yap.

Therefore, I urge Congress to revisit this matter and seriously consider appropriating additional funds for the emergency relief efforts and for the reimbursement of the funds decreed as a result of the emergency declaration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Manny Mori
President

Enclosure:
April 11, 2015

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. 18-124, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $1,600,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE NATION AND VANUATU DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF TYPHOON MAYSAK AND CYCLONE PAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2015, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures
An Act

TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $1,600,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE NATION AND VANUATU DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF TYPHOON MAYSAK AND CYCLONE PAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS: DOHSIS HALBERT, JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL AND WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: APRIL 9, 2015

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Liwiana Ramon Ioahas
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 18-124

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 18-269, C.D.1, C.D.2)

We hereby certify that on April 11 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2015, 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 Iojinis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of $1,600,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, for the purpose of funding relief efforts in the Nation and Vanuatu due to the effects of Typhoon Maysak and Cyclone Pam, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. The sum of $1,600,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, for the purpose funding relief efforts in the Nation and Vanuatu due to the effects of Typhoon Maysak and Cyclone Pam. The funds appropriated under this section shall be apportioned as follows:

1. Typhoon Maysak Relief .................. $ 1,500,000
2. Cyclone Pam Relief ........................ 100,000

Section 2. 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 laws, 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 the funds appropriated under section 1 of this act shall be the President of
1 the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee.
2 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
3 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
4 becoming law without such approval.

April 14, 2015

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia