

A RESOLUTION

Congratulating the College of Micronesia-FSM, and its President Dr. Joseph Daisy, for a successful reaffirmation of accreditation of the college.

1 WHEREAS, the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) was
2 established to serve, and is serving the varied post-
3 secondary career and technical educational needs of the
4 Nation; and

5 WHEREAS, COM-FSM has maintained accreditation status
6 from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior
7 Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and
8 Colleges (ACCJC) since it was bestowed to the Community
9 College of Micronesia, its predecessor, in 1978; and

10 WHEREAS, accreditation is a voluntary system of self
11 regulation developed to evaluate overall educational
12 quality and institutional effectiveness and provides
13 assurance that the accredited member college meets the
14 standards established by the Accrediting Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, the Accrediting Commission in June 2010
16 issued a warning notice to the college to correct
17 deficiencies noted in their comprehensive review, and in
18 June 2011 placed the college on probationary status for
19 not meeting the conditions set by the Commission and

1 again in June 2012 continued the probation status of the
2 college; and

3 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents hired a new president,
4 Dr. Joseph M. Daisy, in February 2012 with a mandate,
5 among others, to successfully resolve numerous
6 deficiencies and gain reaffirmation of accreditation from
7 ACCJC; and

8 WHEREAS, under President Daisy's leadership and
9 guidance the College of Micronesia-FSM transformed into a
10 culture of assessment, accreditation, purposeful
11 dialogue, and participatory governance in support of the
12 college's continuous quality improvement; and

13 WHEREAS, during the past 21 months as President of
14 COM-FSM, Dr. Joseph M. Daisy has successfully
15 accomplished the following:

- 16 • Achieved reaffirmation of accreditation in June 2013
- 17 • Instituted a new college policy in which new
18 employees have to complete the Accreditation Basic
19 on-line course within 30 days of employment
- 20 • Gained support from the U.S Department of Interior
21 to appropriate \$390,000 dollars for the BECA Ltd., a
22 consulting firm, to conduct a study and develop COM-
23 FSM's facilities master plan report
- 24 • Facilitated the establishment of the Friends of the
25 College of Micronesia-FSM, Inc., as a 501c3 status

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- 1 foundation designated as a public charity, to
2 support COM-FSM's future funding needs
- 3 • Completed a 5 years Integrated Educational Master
4 Plan (IEMP) 2013-2017, which links instructional,
5 technology, human resources, facilities, and
6 financial plans
 - 7 • Implemented two organizational structures into the
8 college: the Executive Committee and the Management
9 Team to ensure effective broad based participatory
10 governance and administrative management enhanced
11 efficient communication within the college through
12 bi-weekly meetings with the Cabinet, the Executive
13 Committee, and conducting one-on-one meetings with
14 Vice Presidents, and Chief of Staff
 - 15 • Supported the procurement of a TraceDat software
16 program to support and improve the collection,
17 analysis, and reporting of a wide grange of
18 assessment data to inform college wide decision
19 making
 - 20 • Convened the first academic convocation in 2012 to
21 celebrate the beginning of the academic year and to
22 recognize the primacy of academics for the college
 - 23 • Convened the 20th Anniversary Convocation in 2013 to
24 celebrate the college's twentieth year and
25 reaffirmation of accreditation by the ACCJC

- 1 • secured membership for the college with the Asian &
2 Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund providing
3 new scholarship funding for COM-FSM students
- 4 • established the college as an Asian American Native
5 American Pacific Islander Serving Institution which
6 supports efforts to increase self sufficiency by
7 improving academic programs, institutional
8 management, and fiscal stability
- 9 • earned the college a standing ovation from JEMCO for
10 a presentation on the progress and status of COM-FSM
11 at its August 2013 annual meeting
- 12 • instilled a new culture of unity, success, and pride
13 that is seen and felt throughout the college; and

14 WHEREAS, through his Investiture Remarks, and
15 Presidential White Paper, Dr. Joseph M. Daisy shared and
16 implemented a vision that inspires the college community;
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18 WHEREAS, President Daisy has proven to be an
19 effective and tireless advocate for the college and the
20 students it serves; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph M. Daisy is a visionary, a
22 dynamic and inspirational leader who has made a
23 difference at COM-FSM and in the communities it serves;
24 now, therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session,
3 2014, that Congress congratulates the College of
4 Micronesia-FSM and Dr. Joseph M. Daisy for a successful
5 reaffirmation of accreditation of the college; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the
7 resolution be transmitted to the President of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia, Dr. Joseph M. Daisy,
9 members of the COM-FSM Board of Regents, and Dr. Barbara
10 Beno, President of the Accrediting Commission for
11 Community and Junior College.

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13 Date: 1/13/14 Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
14 Florencio S. Harper
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