

A RESOLUTION

Relating to reduction of service by Continental/Air Micronesia in the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, Continental/Air Micronesia is the major air carrier now
2 operating in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

3 WHEREAS, Continental/Air Micronesia is the only air carrier now linking
4 the Federated States of Micronesia to the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, residents of the Federated States of Micronesia are highly
6 dependent on Continental/Air Micronesia for international transportation and
7 transportation within the Federated States; and

8 WHEREAS, the residents of the Federated States of Micronesia also rely
9 on Continental/Air Micronesia for emergency medical evacuation services and
10 for air freight services; and

11 WHEREAS, Continental/Air Micronesia, after increasing the number of its
12 weekly flights in the Federated States of Micronesia as recently as
13 November 1978, has now made major cutbacks in service, especially to and
14 from Hawaii; and

15 WHEREAS, Continental Airlines has recently extended air service to
16 other Pacific regions; and

17 WHEREAS, reduction of air service will have a major negative impact on
18 the economy of the Federated States of Micronesia and the welfare of its
19 people; and

20 WHEREAS, in the area of promoting tourism Continental/Air Micronesia's
21 reduction of services and over-emphasis of the Tokyo-Saipan tourist trade
22 will discourage both American and Japanese tourists from visiting the states

1 of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

2 WHEREAS, Continental/Air Micronesia failed to consult with the
3 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia prior to its reduction of
4 service and failed further even to notify the Federated States of Micronesia
5 Government of its plans and intentions; and

6 WHEREAS, established Continental/Air Micronesia schedules should not
7 be reduced to enable Continental Airlines to extend its service to other
8 Pacific regions; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
10 nesia, Second Regular Session, 1979, that Continental/Air Micronesia is
11 urged to restore its air service to and within the Federated States of
12 Micronesia to previous levels; to consult with the Government of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia prior to future schedule changes or fare
14 adjustments; and to redirect its promotion of tourism and its flight
15 schedules to encourage tourism in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia is requested to explore methods of increasing air service to and
18 within the Federated States of Micronesia, including the possibility of
19 obtaining additional air carriers to serve the needs of Federated States of
20 Micronesia residents; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
22 transmitted to Continental/Air Micronesia Operations Headquarters, to the
23 President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and to the Governors and
24 Speakers of State Legislatures of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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