A BILL FOR AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, for the purpose of guaranteeing the representation of women in Congress by creating, as a temporary special measure, additional seats in Congress, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Amendment to Article IX Section 8. It is
- 2 hereby proposed that section 8 of article IX of the
- 3 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended
- 4 to read as follows:

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"Section 8. The Congress consists of one member elected 5 at large from each state on the basis of state equality, 6 one female member elected at large from each state on 7 8 the basis of state equality, and additional members 9 elected from congressional districts in each state 10 apportioned by population. Members elected on the basis 11 of state equality serve a 4-year term, but female 12 members elected on the basis of state equality may serve 13 a 2-year term[7]. [And] [a]All other members [for] 14 shall serve a 2-year[s] term. Female members elected on the basis of state equality shall be nonvoting members. 15 These members may be appointed as committee members, and 16 may participate in discussion and debate. Congressional 17

elections are held biennially as provided by statute.

Section 2. The at-large seats provision is a temporary

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special measure and shall expire 25 years from the date it goes
   into effect at which time the at-large seats reserved for women
   shall be eliminated.
         Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
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   President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
   becoming law without such approval.
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