

# The President

Palikir, Polinpei Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-272
FSM CONGRESS

May 04, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina Speaker Twenty-First Congress Federated States of Micronesia Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following congressional act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-109:

Congressional Act No. 21-117, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39 AND 21-74, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW A RECESS TO BE CALLED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I wish to thank the 21<sup>st</sup> FSM Congress for the passage of this act, which gives the necessary flexibility to the Constitutional Convention in light of the persisting COVID pandemic.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo

President

Xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court

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April <u>20</u>, 2020

His Excellency David W. Panuelo President Federated States of Micronesia Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Panuelo:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 21-117, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39 AND 21-74, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW A RECESS TO BE CALLED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2020, 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

Enclosures



# PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-272 FSM CONGRESS

TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 13 – [47] 22, 2020 (EXTENDED BY C.R. NO. 21-141, CD1, ADOPTED 4/17/20)

# An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39 AND 21-74, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO ALLOW A RECESS TO BE CALLED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: MARCH 10, 2020

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

WITHDRAWN - MARCH 10, 2020

FIRST READING: – MARCH 10, 2020

SECOND READING: - APRIL 21, 2020

Liwiana Ramon Idanis Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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ACT NO. 21-117

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-175)

We hereby certify that on April 21 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2020, 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.

Wesley W. Şimina

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 Public Law 21-19, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-39 and 21-74, by amending section 6 thereof, in order to allow a recess to be called by the Constitutional Convention for up to three months due to the coronavirus emergency, and for other purposes.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 21-19,
- 2 as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 "Section 6. Procedures
- (1) The Constitutional Convention shall be
  convened on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
  in January, 2020, and the Constitutional Convention
  shall continue in session for no longer than thirty
  calendar days; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Convention
- 10 (a) call recesses, including one extended recess of
  11 between 3 and 30 consecutive calendar days, which
- shall not be included in the calculation of the
- calendar days the Constitutional Convention is in
- 14 session and for which no daily allowance under section
- 15 9 shall be paid;

may:

- 16 (b) extend the session, if necessary, for up to a
- 17 total of forty-five calendar days; and
- 18 (c) The Congressional Convention may call an

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1	additional recess of up to three months, which shall
2	not be included in the calculation of the calendar
3	days the Constitutional Convention is in session and
4	for which no daily allowance under section 9 shall be
5	paid, due to the coronavirus emergency.
6	(2) The President of the Federated States of
7	Micronesia, or their designee, shall act as President
8	of the Convention until the Convention selects a
9	President from among its membership. (3) The
10	Convention shall select, from among its membership, a
11	President and such additional officers as it may deem
12	necessary and appropriate.
13	(4) The Convention shall adopt its own rules and
14	procedures not inconsistent with this act. All
15	sessions of the Convention shall be open to the
16	public.
17	(5) A quorum of the Convention shall consist of
18	all of the four state delegations. For the purpose of
19	determining a quorum, a state delegation is not
20	present unless more than one-half of the delegates
21	from that state are present."
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1	Section	2.	This act	shall	become	law upor	approv	al by
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