STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-25

RE: C.R. NO. 21-48/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$693,121.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina Speaker, Twenty-First Congress Federated States of Micronesia Second Regular Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was referred C.R. No. 21-48, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$693,121 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO SUPPORT AND FUND THE FSM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM AND IT'S SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on September 18, 2019, the witnesses present included: the Department of Health and Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key staff, a representative from the Office of the President, and representatives from the Department of Justice.

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The Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant is a grant awarded by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to the FSM Behavioral Health and Wellness Program under the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs to fund substance abuse, prevention and treatment services provided to the people of the FSM. Each year the FSM is awarded approximately \$600,000 with the objective to help plan, implement and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance abuse.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of any efforts to improve the mental health and well being of our citizens, and it is therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No.21-48, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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