July 17, 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 Act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-148:

Congressional Act No. 21-156, entitled: "TO FURTHER AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 3 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 203 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING THE PLACE OF SESSIONS, DEFINING EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PERMIT HOLDING SESSION REMOTELY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
July 10, 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. 21-156, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 3 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 203 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING THE PLACE OF SESSIONS, DEFINING EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PERMIT HOLDING SESSION REMOTELY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures
An Act

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: JUNE 24, 2020

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WITHDRAWN – JULY 6, 2020
FIRST READING: – JULY 6, 2020
SECOND READING: – JULY 07, 2020

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 21-156

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-233)

We hereby certify that on July 7 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth 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. Simina
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 chapter 2 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, by adding a new section 203 for the purpose of defining the place of sessions, defining extraordinary circumstances which permit holding session remotely, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new section 203, to read as follows:

"Section 203. Place of Sessions.

(1) The Congress shall meet at a place in the State of Pohnpei, designated by the Speaker, or in such State of the Federated States of Micronesia as the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia shall by resolution determine, at a place designated by Speaker. In Extraordinary Circumstances, which prevents members of Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia from meeting in the same locale, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia may meet remotely by whatever means available with members in different locations.

(2) "Extraordinary Circumstances" for the purposes of this section shall mean a global pandemic, unforeseen global environmental event, or man-made catastrophic
disaster which requires immediate attention to avoid or
mitigate major loss of life, or any event which makes it
impossible to meet in person."

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
becoming law without such approval.

July 13th, 2020

David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia