November 24, 2020

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

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following act, which I am privileged and honored to sign to become Public Law No. 21-209:

Congressional Act No. 21-219, entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 601 OF TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH PRESIDENTS DAY ON NOVEMBER 23RD ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NATION'S FIRST PRESIDENT, TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I take this opportunity to thank the 21st FSM Congress for taking this initiative of honoring and paying respect to the Presidents of our nation. Designating a national holiday for this special purpose pays a very fitting tribute to Leaders who have served as our founding fathers, served to forge unity among our citizens, and were instrumental in shaping our Nation building goals.

Sincerely,

David W. Panuelo
President

XC: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
November 22, 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. 21-219, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 601 OF TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTED), AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH PRESIDENTS DAY ON NOVEMBER 23RD ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NATIONS FIRST PRESIDENT, TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth 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: ROBSON U. ROMOLOW

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2020

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
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PUBLIC LAW No. 21-209

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 21-219

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-146, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on November 23 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth 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 Ioganis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To amend section 601 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, to establish Presidents Day on November 23rd on the birthday of the nation's first President, Tosiwo Nakayama, as a national holiday, and for other purposes.

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

1. Section 601. Section 601 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 601. National Holidays.

The following days shall be observed as national holidays throughout the Federated States of Micronesia:

1. the first day of January of each year, which is hereby designated as New Year's Day;

2. the tenth day of May of each year, which is hereby designated as Federated States of Micronesia Day to commemorate the effective date of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia;

3. the third day of November of each year, which is hereby designated as Independence Day to commemorate the termination of the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement as it applied to the Federated States of Micronesia and the commencement of full self-government for the people of the Federated States of Micronesia;"
(4) the eleventh day of November of each year, which
is hereby designated as Veterans Day to commemorate
those who have honored their country through service in
the armed forces of the United States of America;

(5) the twenty-fifth day of December of each year,
which is hereby designated as Christmas Day;

(6) the twenty-fourth day of October of each year,
which is hereby designated as United Nations Day;

(7) the thirty-first day of March of each year, which
is hereby designated as Micronesian Culture and
Tradition Day; and

(8) in honor of the first President of the Federated
States of Micronesia, President Tosiwo Nakayama, who
spent a lifetime in public service on a local, state,
and national level, and in honor of all Presidents who
have served the Federated States of Micronesia the
twenty-third day of November of each year, President
Tosiwo Nakayama's birthday, which is hereby designated
as Presidents Day."
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Nov 24th, 2020

David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia