May 21, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 21-10, which was adopted by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2019.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures
A RESOLUTION


INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: MAY 23, 2019

ADOPTED: MAY 23, 2019

Liwiana Ramon Ioannis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of the late Joakim "Jojo" Peter, on April 8, 2019.

1 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter, age 54, was born on August 29, 1964, and passed away on April 8, 2019, in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

4 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter grew up on Ettal, one of the Mortlock Islands in Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

7 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Guam, two master’s degrees in history and Pacific Island studies and a doctorate from the University of Hawaii in special education; and

11 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter inspired a generation of Pacific Island scholars and spent 15 years working at the College of Micronesia; and

14 WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter co-founded numerous organizations to help the Micronesian community in Hawaii and beyond, including the one-stop center We Are Oceania; COFA-CAN, a local advocacy group; COFA-CLAN, a national advocacy group and most recently he worked at the educational nonprofit Pacific Resources for Education and Learning helping Micronesian families understand their rights; and
WHEREAS, with Joakim "Jojo" Peter's appointment to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, he became the first citizen of a COFA nation to serve on any Hawaii state board or commission; and

WHEREAS, Joakim "Jojo" Peter is survived by his wife, Sharon Peter and his brothers, Billy Sola Peter and Steve Peter; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2019, that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness at the passing of the late Joakim "Jojo" Peter on April 8, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and Mrs. Sharon Peter.

ADOPTED: May 23, 2019

Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

ATTEST:

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress