A RESOLUTION

Expressing support of the FSM’s formal application for membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

1 WHEREAS, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is a regional non-profit organization created by the Western Regional Education Compact, adopted in the 1950’s by Western states; and

2 WHEREAS, WICHE was created to facilitate resource sharing among the higher education systems of the West; and

3 WHEREAS, sixteen Western states comprise WICHE, namely: New Mexico, Montana, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, Hawaii, North Dakota, South Dakota, and U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Association States (FAS); and

4 WHEREAS, WICHE and its 16-member states work to improve access to higher education and ensure student success through student exchange programs, regional initiatives, and its research and policy work allow the organization to assist constituents throughout the West and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, becoming a full member of WICHE will greatly benefit the FSM through reduced tuition fees in more than 145 participating WICHE institutions; and

6 WHEREAS, the FSM could also benefit from WICHE resources in
policy development, workforce development, technology, health and other areas as a result of WICHE membership; and

WHEREAS, the FSM could similarly benefit from students of WICHE States who come to study in the FSM; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2019, that Congress hereby is in support of the efforts of the Executive in seeking formal membership of WICHE; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certify a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 5/22/19

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)