February 6, 2023

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Twenty-Second 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. 22-183:

Congressional Act No. 22-178 entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109, AND 21-154, BY AMENDING SECTION 8 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME TO VOTE ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
David W. Panuelo
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
January 24, 2023

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. 22-178, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109 AND 21-154, BY AMENDING SECTION 8 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME TO VOTE ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2023, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures
An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-19, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109 AND 21-154, BY AMENDING SECTION 8 THEREOF, IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME TO VOTE ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA
DATE: JANUARY 12, 2023

REFERRED TO: JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 16, 2023
FIRST READING: JANUARY 16, 2023
SECOND READING: JANUARY 17, 2023

[Signature]
Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 22-178

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 22-272)

We hereby certify that on January 17 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2023, 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

Jessica Lynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-39, 21-74, 21-109 and 21-154, by amending section 8 thereof, in order to extend the timeframe to vote on proposed constitutional amendments, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 8 of Public Law No. 21-19, as amended by Public Law No. 21-154, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. Duties of the Convention.

(1) The Convention shall propose amendments to the Constitution to be placed on a ballot to be held at the next National Election or in a special election called by the President in the same fiscal year as the next National Election after the Constitutional Convention adjourns sine die; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in the event that an amendment would affect the general election, the amendment or amendments shall be voted on in a special referendum called by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia no later than three months preceding a general National Election.

(2) Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be in the format set forth in the Constitutional Amendment Procedure Act, title 1, section 703 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended,
and any regulations issued pursuant thereto.

(3) When said amendments have been proposed by the Convention, the Convention shall notify the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, who shall transmit a copy of the amendments to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and shall call a referendum as provided by title 1, chapter 7 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended."

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.

6 Feb., 2023

David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia