

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President include in the negotiations for the post 2023 Amended Compact of Free Association Agreement, an explicit clause, giving reciprocal rights and protections, as well as, duties and responsibilities, for citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia and the citizens of the United States of America when residing in the other nation's jurisdiction.

1 WHEREAS, the United States of America and the Federated
2 States of Micronesia have long had a close relationship, and
3 many of the specific characteristics of that relationship are
4 set forth in the Amended Compact of Free Association between
5 the two nations; and

6 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that certain provisions of the
7 Amended Compact of Free Association will be renegotiated for
8 the period beginning after 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, under the current Amended Compact of Free
10 Association citizens of the United States of America and
11 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia may travel
12 to the other nation's jurisdiction and reside there for
13 the purposes of work and education provided that they are
14 self supporting and abide the local laws and it has
15 always been the intention that citizens of both nations
16 are treated the same; and

17 WHEREAS, naturalized citizens of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia currently do not enjoy identical

1 rights, protections, duties and responsibilities under
2 the Amended Compact of Free Association, and

3 WHEREAS, there have been reports of incidents of abuse by
4 naturalized citizens of the United States of America while
5 residing in the Federated States of Micronesia that concern the
6 leadership of this Nation; and

7 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia strongly urges that an explicit clause be inserted
9 in the Amended Compact of Free Association ensures naturalized
10 citizens of both the United States of America and the Federated
11 States of Micronesia will have reciprocal rights and
12 protections, as well as, duties and responsibilities, while
13 residing in the other nation's jurisdiction, and that the
14 Amended Compact of Free Association shall not be deemed to
15 extend to any naturalized citizen, United States citizen or a
16 citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, with respect to
17 whom circumstances associated with the acquisition of the
18 naturalized citizenship are such to allow a reasonable
19 inference that such naturalization status was acquired
20 primarily in order to establish such rights now, therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED, by now, the Twenty Second Congress of the
22 Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2021,
23 that Congress hereby request that the President include in the
24 negotiations for the post 2023 Amended Compact of Free
25 Association Agreement, an explicit clause giving reciprocal

1 rights and protections, as well as, duties and
2 responsibilities, for citizens of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia and the citizens of the United States of America
4 while residing in the other nation's jurisdiction, and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies be sent to
6 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the
7 Department of Foreign Affairs.

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9 Date: 6/3/21

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