May 29, 2023

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker  
P.O. Box PS 3  
FSM Congress  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941  

Dear Speaker Moses:  

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 23-04, which was adopted by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2023.

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  

Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia  

Enclosures
A RESOLUTION

TO AMEND RULE 6, SECTIONS 8(C) AND (D) OF THE OFFICIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO ALLOW A STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: ISAAC V. FIGIR

DATE: MAY 16, 2023

ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2023

Jessica Lynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
A RESOLUTION

To amend Rule 6, Sections 8(c) and (d) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow a standing committee chair to serve as vice chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and
2 WHEREAS, Sections 8(c) and 8(d) of Rule 6 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia provide that a Member of Congress who serves as chair of a standing committee may not serve as vice chair of another standing committee; and
3 WHEREAS, the role of the vice chair of a standing committee is to perform the duties of the chair in the absence of the chair; and
4 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is an acceptable mechanism for amending the Official Rules of Procedure of Congress under Rule 15 of the Official Rules of Procedure; and
5 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia wish to allow the Committee on Ways and Means to have a permanent vice chair; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2023,
that Rule 6, Section 8 of the Official Rules of Procedure of
the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 8. Chair and vice chair

(a) The chair of each standing committee or
special committee, and the chair for each continuous
session of the Committee of the Whole, shall be
appointed by the Speaker, subject to appeal to the
Congress. A vice chair shall be chosen by the
members of each standing committee.

(b) The chair of each committee shall call
meetings, preside at committee meetings, prepare and
post the agenda, invite witnesses to appear before
the committee, and prepare committee reports subject
to the requirements of the Rules. The vice chair
shall perform the duties of the chair in his or her
absence.

(c) A Member of Congress who serves as chair of
a standing committee may not serve as chair or vice
chair of another standing committee, except that
such Member may serve as vice chair of the Committee
on Ways and Means. The Speaker, Vice Speaker and
Floor Leader may not serve as chair or vice chair of
any standing committee."
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

ADOPTED: May 19, 2023

Esmond B. Moses
Speaker
FSM Congress

ATTEST:

Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress