

A RESOLUTION

Declaring the goal of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to have the FSM reach Universal Health Coverage by 2030 and calling upon the President to take measures to effectuate that goal.

1 WHEREAS, the principle of Universal Health Coverage ("UHC")
2 means that all people have access to the health services they need
3 when and where they need them, without financial hardship; and

4 WHEREAS, UHC is a recognition of health care as a human
5 right; and

6 WHEREAS, on September 23, 2019, the United Nations General
7 Assembly held a high level meeting which issued a Political
8 Declaration which stated inter alia the goal of the United Nations
9 to "Ensure that no one is left behind, with an endeavor to reach
10 the furthest behind first, founded on the dignity of the human
11 person and reflecting the principles of equality and non-
12 discrimination, as well as to empower those who are vulnerable or
13 in vulnerable situations and address their physical and mental
14 health needs which are reflected in the 2030 Agenda for
15 Sustainable Development, including all children, youth, persons
16 with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, older persons,
17 indigenous peoples, refugees and internally displaced persons and
18 migrants"; and

1 WHEREAS, on October 10, 2019, the United Nations General
2 Assembly adopted the above Political Declaration by resolution;
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4 WHEREAS, on October 17, 2019, the Inter-Parliamentary Union
5 at the 141st IPU General Assembly in Belgrade adopted a resolution
6 calling for parliaments to take all legal and policy measures to
7 achieve universal health coverage by 2030, with nutrition
8 integrated, and urging parliaments to put in place effective UHC
9 legislation to ensure that the right to public health and medical
10 care is guaranteed for all in law and in practice, without
11 discrimination; and

12 WHEREAS, the government and Congress of the FSM supported
13 both of the above resolutions; now, therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED that it is the goal of the Congress of the
15 Federated States of Micronesia for the FSM to achieve universal
16 health coverage by 2030; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress requests the
18 President of the FSM to take all appropriate measures to reach
19 that goal; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the
2 resolution be transmitted to President of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of the
4 Department of Health and Social Affairs and the Department of the
5 FSM United Nations Mission.

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7 Date: 11/28/19

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