

A RESOLUTION

Adopting the Federated States of Micronesia National Youth Policy for the period from 2004 to 2010.

1           WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Department  
2 of Health, Education and Social Affairs (HESA) has prepared the  
3 National Youth Policy (NYP) for the period from 2004 to 2010, in  
4 coordination with the States and National Youth Office and groups  
5 concerned with youth issues; and

6           WHEREAS, the FSM has one of the youngest populations in the  
7 Pacific region with a median age of 18.9 years; and

8           WHEREAS, the young population places extreme pressures on the  
9 National and State budgets; and

10          WHEREAS, if the situation is not addressed effectively, it  
11 will have a major impact on the well-being of FSM youth; and

12          WHEREAS, the problems currently associated with youth in the  
13 FSM raise a great need for a national response addressing youth  
14 issues; and

15          WHEREAS, the Policy is the national response, and this Policy  
16 fully supports the visions of the FSM National Economic Summits;  
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18          WHEREAS, the Policy attempts to respond to youth concerns in  
19 two ways, first by recommending programs that directly respond to  
20 the problems affecting youth in the FSM, second by programs that  
21 are creative ways of improving their self-esteem so they can be

1 motivated to plan better for their future and achieve their goals;  
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3 WHEREAS, the 10<sup>th</sup> FSM Annual Youth Leadership Conference held  
4 in Kosrae State adopted Resolution 10-1, which marked the first  
5 real action towards the development of this Policy; and

6 WHEREAS, the FSM Department of HESA has taken steps to  
7 include the unanimous endorsement of it by youth representatives  
8 of each of the states of the FSM; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated  
10 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2005, that the  
11 National Youth Policy is hereby approved;

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
14 of Micronesia, the Governor of each State, the Chief Justice of  
15 the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Secretary of  
16 Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs.

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18 Date: 5/20/05

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(by request)

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