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A RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Congress to amend U.S. Public Law 99-178 so that federal grants from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, and other related agencies are continued in the Federated States of Micronesia at least until the effective date of the Compact of Free Association.

1 WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Congress of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia that U.S. Public Law 99-178 stipulates
3 that federal grants from the Departments of Health and Human Services,
4 Education, Labor, and other related agencies currently being provided
5 to the FSM shall be terminated once the Compact of Free Association is
6 "enacted"; and

7 WHEREAS, while the United States Compact legislation was signed
8 into law on January 14, 1986, the actual effective date of the
9 Compact is presently unknown; and

10 WHEREAS, section 411 of the Compact establishes that the Compact
11 shall come into effect upon mutual agreement between the Governments
12 of the United States of America and the Federated States of
13 Micronesia; and

14 WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
15 cannot agree to an effective date pending a review and final
16 determination as to the acceptability of changes made to the Compact
17 by the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Compact funding shall not be available until the Compact
19 has gone into effect; and

20 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia, during negotiation
21 of the Compact, was promised a smooth and orderly transition to Free
22 Association; and

23 WHEREAS, termination of federal grant funding prior to the
24 availability of Compact funds will create financial chaos and a heavy
25 toll in terms of non-delivery of needed services in the FSM by

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1 threatening the continuation of such programs as Head Start and
2 Maternal and Child Health assistance, among others; and

3 WHEREAS, it is not reasonable to equate the enactment of the
4 Compact with its effective date; and

5 WHEREAS, it is unclear if administrative steps can be taken in
6 the U.S. to avert this catastrophe; and

7 WHEREAS, until the effective date of the Compact the Trusteeship
8 remains in effect; and

9 WHEREAS, the provision of federal programs has arisen from the
10 responsibilities of the United States Trusteeship; and

11 WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 99-239 provides for the continuation of
12 programs such as the Maternal and Child Health program, as well as the
13 transitional continuation of education programs during the term of
14 the Compact; and

15 WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
16 has long expressed concerns about the adequacy of federal programs
17 under the Compact; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of
19 Micronesia, Second Special Session, 1986, that the United States
20 Congress is hereby urged to amend U.S. Public Law 99-178 so that
21 federal grants from the Departments of Health and Human Services,
22 Education, Labor, and other related agencies shall continue in the
23 FSM at least until the effective date of the Compact of Free
24 Association; and

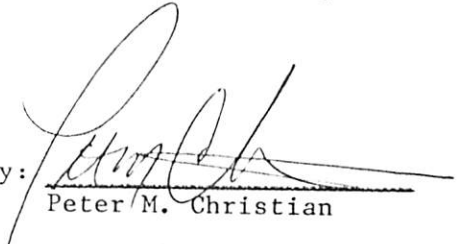
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
2 be transmitted to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committees of
3 the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Senate,
4 U.S. Ambassador Fred Zeder II, and Assistant Secretary of the Department
5 of Interior, Richard Montoya.

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7 Date: March 20, 1986

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