

A RESOLUTION

Relating to the Comprehensive Employment Training Act and Capital Improvement Project.

1 WHEREAS, the comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA) and
2 the CETA Reauthorization Act of 1978 were enacted by the United States
3 Congress to provide job training and employment opportunities for economically
4 disadvantaged, unemployed, or underemployed persons which will result in an
5 increase in their earned income and to assure that training and other services
6 lead to maximum employment opportunities and enhance self-sufficiency; and

7 WHEREAS, CETA, as administered by the Government of the Trust Territory
8 on Saipan, remains separated and distant from the training requirements of
9 the Federated States of Micronesia; and

10 WHEREAS, unemployment and underemployment of persons in the Federated
11 States of Micronesia continue to grow, in particular among the young; and

12 WHEREAS, the common experience in the Federated States of Micronesia
13 is that CETA has not provided job training and employment opportunities to
14 assure that training and other services lead to maximum employment
15 opportunities, enhanced self-sufficiency, and increased earned income; and

16 WHEREAS, CETA has been used to pay persons to perform menial tasks
17 and to supplement government office personnel without training or hope of
18 future employment opportunity while expatriates are employed to perform
19 tasks that Micronesians are not trained to perform; and

20 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the administration of United States
21 federal programs, including CETA, will soon be transferred from the Govern-
22 ment of the Trust Territory to the Federated States of Micronesia pursuant

1 to United States Department of the Interior Order No. 3039; and

2 WHEREAS, hundreds of expatriates are being employed on Capital Improve-
3 ment Projects because of a lack of trained Micronesians; and

4 WHEREAS, the utilization of CETA to train Micronesians for employment on
5 Capital Improvement Projects would fulfill the purpose of CETA and provide
6 the Federated States of Micronesia with a necessary and valuable substitute
7 for expatriate labor; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
9 nesia, Second Regular Session, 1979, that the President of the Federated
10 States of Micronesia is hereby requested to insure that the purpose of CETA
11 is fulfilled upon its transfer to the Federated States of Micronesia and
12 that it be utilized to train Micronesians for employment on Capital Improve-
13 ment Projects; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
15 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and to
16 the Governors and Speakers of State Legislatures of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia.

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19 Adopted: October 31, 1979

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