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A RESOLUTION

To amend the Official Rules of Procedure for the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to remove the requirement of election of the Chief Clerk and the Legislative Counsel at the beginning of each Congress.

1       WHEREAS, the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States  
2 of Micronesia desires to treat all of its employees equally and  
3 to align their terms of service to a unified standard, and  
4 believes that a change available to do this is to remove the  
5 requirement of election of its Chief Clerk and Legislative  
6 Counsel at the beginning of each Congress, and

7       WHEREAS, the following shall be amended in the Official  
8 Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Fourth Congress: delete from  
9 Rule 1, Section 7 from the title [~~officers~~] and insert **Speaker**  
10 in lieu thereof, further in Section 7 delete [~~appoint a~~  
11 ~~temporary Clerk. He shall also~~]; and

12       WHEREAS, the following shall be amended in the Official  
13 Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Fourth Congress: delete from  
14 Rule 1, Section 10 "~~or temporary Clerk~~"; and

15       WHEREAS, the following shall be amended in the Official  
16 Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Fourth Congress: delete from  
17 Rule 1, Section 12 (b) [~~Upon their election, the Speaker shall~~  
18 ~~proceed to conduct an election for the Clerk (see Rule 10,~~  
19 ~~Section 14(b)(iv), who shall be a non-Member of the Congress~~];

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, the following shall be amended in the Official  
3 Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Fourth Congress: delete from  
4 Rule 2, Section 1 line 23-24 [~~Legislative Counsel and Chief~~  
5 ~~Clerk~~] ,and further delete lines 28-29 [~~The Chief Clerk and~~  
6 ~~Legislative Counsel may be removed by the Speaker, subject to~~  
7 ~~the appeal to Congress~~}; and

8 WHEREAS, the following shall be amended in the Official  
9 Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Fourth Congress: delete in its  
10 entirety Rule 10, Section 14 (b) (iv) [~~(iv) Approval of~~  
11 ~~appointment of the Legislative Counsel and the Chief Clerk by~~  
12 ~~secret ballot~~}; and

13 WHEREAS, the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States  
14 of Micronesia with the above changes amends its Official Rules  
15 of Procedure to align its rules for more equal treatment of its  
16 employees and to provide for a unified standard of service; now;  
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the  
19 Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2025,  
20 that the Congress hereby amends its Official Rules of Procedure  
21 as set forth above; and

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1       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
3 States of Micronesia.

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5 Date: 11/10/25

Introduced by: /s/ Andy P. Choor  
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