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November 26, 2025

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker  
Twenty-fourth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Moses:

I am pleased to transmit the following act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 24-47:

Congressional Act No. 24-50, entitled: AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 205 AND 206 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-169, TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IN HIRING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MANAGE THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING THE HIRING OF STAFF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I wish to thank the FSM Congress for the passage of this act to clarify the role of the NORMA board in hiring its executive director. It also clarifies the role of the Executive Director to hire all employees and other staff of NORMA.

Sincerely,

Wesley W. Simina  
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court



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FROM CONGRESS

September 18, 2025

His Excellency Wesley W. Simina  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Simina:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 24-50, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 205 AND 206 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-169, TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IN HIRING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MANAGE THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING THE HIRING OF STAFF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, which was passed by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2025, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION  
NOVEMBER 10 - 19, 2025

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## An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 205 AND 206 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-169, TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY IN HIRING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MANAGE THE DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING THE HIRING OF STAFF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JULIO M. MARAR (BY REQUEST)

DATE: MAY 17, 2025

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REFERRED TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
S.C.R. NO. 24-22 – SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

FIRST READING: NOVEMBER 12, 2025

SECOND READING: NOVEMBER 13, 2025

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JESSICALYNN REYES". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" at the beginning.

Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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**PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 24-179  
FSM CONGRESS**

ACT NO. 24-50

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 24-12)

We hereby certify that on November 13 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2025, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

AN ACT

To further amend sections 205 and 206 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by Public Law No. 19-169, to clarify the role of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority in hiring the Executive Director to manage the day-to-day activities of the Authority, including the hiring of staff, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1       Section 1. Section 205 of title 24 of the Code of the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended by  
3 Public Law No. 19-169, is hereby further amended to read as  
4 follows:

5               "Section 205. Authority - duties and functions.  
6               In addition to the regulatory authority granted in  
7               the preceding section, the Authority shall have the  
8               following duties and functions:

9               (1) to provide technical assistance in the  
10              delimitation of the exclusive economic zone in  
11              accordance with section 107 of title 18 of the Code of  
12              the Federated States of Micronesia;

13              (2) to negotiate, conclude and implement access  
14              agreements and fisheries management agreements in  
15              accordance with sections 105 and 106 of chapter 1 of  
16              this subtitle and chapters 4 and 5 of this subtitle;

17              (3) to issue fishing permits in accordance with

1                   this subtitle;

2                   (4) to issue permits for fishing in the territorial  
3                   sea or internal waters of an FSM State as authorized  
4                   pursuant to section 118 of chapter 1 of this subtitle;

5                   (5) to regulate related activities in accordance with  
6                   this subtitle;

7                   (6) to coordinate and implement fisheries monitoring  
8                   and control as required under this subtitle and under  
9                   international treaties to which the Federated States of  
10                  Micronesia is a party;

11                  (7) to cooperate as appropriate with other nations or  
12                  territories in the region and with foreign states  
13                  fishing in the region and adjacent high seas area for  
14                  the conservation and management of highly migratory  
15                  fish stocks;

16                  (8) to cooperate in and coordinate as appropriate  
17                  with each FSM State on fisheries management measures in  
18                  the exclusive economic zone and territorial sea;

19                  (9) to convene and chair a Fisheries Management  
20                  and Surveillance Working Group as set forth in section  
21                  207 of this chapter;

22                  (10) to employ a full-time Executive Director;

23                  (11) to submit the Authority's budget and  
24                  report regarding the expenditure of its funds to the  
25                  Congress each regular session for review;

(12) to contribute to the planning of programs relating to fisheries, or fishing in the exclusive economic zone, in which an FSM State government or the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, or any agency or subdivision thereof, has a proprietary interest, direct or indirect, by way of stock ownership, partnership, joint venture or otherwise;

(13) to act as the authority responsible for implementing the international fisheries and related obligations of the Federated States of Micronesia including the verification of catch and issuance of catch certificates;

(14) to perform such other duties and functions as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this subtitle."

15       Section 2. Section 206 of title 24 of the Code of the  
16 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended  
17 to read as follows:

18           "Section 206. Executive Director. The Authority  
19           shall employ a full-time Executive Director possessing  
20           such qualifications as may be established by the  
21           Authority. The Executive Director shall receive a  
22           remuneration for his services, the amount of which  
23           shall be fixed by the Authority in accordance with the  
24           pertinent provisions of the current annual budget of  
25           the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1           The Executive Director shall be responsible for the  
2           day-to-day activities, including hiring of employees  
3           and other staff of the Authority. The Executive  
4           Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Authority  
5           and shall be exempt from the provisions of the  
6           National Public Service System Act, section 111 et  
7           seq. of title 52 of this code."

8           Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
9           President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
10          becoming law without such approval.

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November 26, 2025

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Wesley W. Simina  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia

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