



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-532  
FSM CONGRESS

January 5, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Nineteenth Congress of the of the Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following Congressional Act, which I have signed to become Public Law No. 19-137:

Congressional Act No. 19-143, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-64, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-81, 19-97 AND 19-120, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF KOSRAE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

In the review of Congressional Act No. 19-143, it was revealed that the phrase "State of Pohnpei" is left out from the title of the act. According to the FSM Constitution, Article IX, Section 21(a) which states '...A provision outside the subject expressed in the title is void.' Therefore, any changes to the State of Pohnpei is invalid since the only reference in the title is regarding the State of Kosrae. However, after consultation with Congressional staff it was revealed that during engrossing of the congressional act, the phrase "State of Pohnpei" was inadvertently deleted from the title of the act. For that reason, I recommend that Congress take note of this technical error and correct it in its next session. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Christian  
President

Enclosures:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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December 19, 2016

His Excellency Peter M. Christian  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-143, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-64, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 19-81, 19-97 AND 19-120, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF KOSRAE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2016, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures





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ACT NO. 19-143

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-241)

We hereby certify that on December 17 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2016, 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.

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Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
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AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-64, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-81, 19-97 and 19-120, by amending section 1 thereof, to change the use of funds previously appropriated therein, for the purpose of funding public projects and social programs in the state of Kosrae, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 19-64, as amended  
2 by Public Laws Nos. 19-81, 19-97 and 19-120, is hereby further  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 1. Purpose. The sum of \$3,050,000, or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from  
6 the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia  
7 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, for the  
8 purpose of funding public projects and social programs  
9 in the states of Kosrae and Pohnpei. The funds  
10 appropriated under this section shall be apportioned as  
11 follows:

12	(1) state of Kosrae .....	\$	300,000
13	(a) Road maintenance .....		-0-
14	(b) Fishing projects .....		-0-
15	(c) Micronesian		
16	Baseball Classic 2017 transportation needs		26,000
17	(d) Contributions to other projects		
18	activities, programs and events:		