



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 19-597
FSM CONGRESS

April 18th, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
19th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am transmitting the following congressional act I signed to become Public Law No. 19-167:

Congressional Act No. 19-176, entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 505, THAT DECLARES AS A CLOSED AREA, THE TWELVE MILE AREA SEAWARD OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, NOT TO EXTEND BEYOND TWENTY-FOUR NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED, PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

As indicated on its title, this act creates a closed area consisting of the 12-mile belt seaward of the territorial sea, not to extend beyond 24 nautical miles from the baselines. It is understood that this closure is intended to apply to commercial fishing, and it will be implemented in accordance with this intent.

I thank Congress for the passage of this act.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Christian
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court





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April 06, 2017

His Excellency Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Christian:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 19-176, "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 505, THAT DECLARES AS A CLOSED AREA, THE TWELVE MILE AREA SEAWARD OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA, NOT TO EXTEND BEYOND TWENTY-FOUR NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA IS MEASURED, PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES THEREON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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

Enclosures



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ACT NO. 19-176

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 19-194, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on April 4 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eighth Special Session, 2017, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Liwiana Ramon Ioanis".

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

AN ACT

To amend title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), by inserting a new section 505, that declares as a closed area, the twelve mile area seaward of the territorial sea, not to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, prohibiting commercial fishing and exploitation of natural resources thereon, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended by inserting a new
3 section 505 to read as follows:

4 "Section 505. Closed area.

5 The twelve miles area seaward of the territorial sea not
6 to extend beyond twenty-four nautical miles from the
7 baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is
8 measured is considered as a closed area. Fishing and
9 exploitation of natural resources in this area are
10 prohibited. Any person, who violates this prohibition,
11 including an operator, agent, and representatives of a
12 fishing vessel shall be liable for a civil penalty of not
13 less than \$15,000 and not more than \$50,000. The
14 Authority shall have discretion to exclude any vessel
15 involved in the violation of this section from a future
16 license or fishing access negotiation. The Authority may
17 exercise discretionary exemption from this prohibition to

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1 locally owned fishing company.”

2 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
3 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
4 becoming law without such approval.

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Peter M. Christian
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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