
A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Dr. Norman Hisao Okamur, a distinguished Professor from the University of Hawaii who was instrumental in the development of information and communication technology in the Federated States of Micronesia and throughout the Pacific Region, at his passing on April 17, 2026, at the age of 72.

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Hisao Okamura was born in September 1953
2 in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

3 WHEREAS; Dr. Norman Hisao Okamura attended Loyola
4 University for his undergraduate degree, earning a Bachelor of
5 Arts (BA) in 1974; Dr. Okamura then returned home to continue
6 his education at the University of Hawaii, earning a Master of
7 Arts (MA) in 1975, and his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in 1980;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Hisao Okamura was a distinguished
10 Professor and Researcher at the University of Hawaii, where he
11 led the technical architecture design and the health data
12 analytic teams, was the founder and director of the UH
13 Telecommunications and Social Informatics Program (TASI), and a
14 founder of the Telecommunications and Information Resource
15 Management (TIRM) Graduate Certificate Program; and

16 WHEREAS, prior to joining the faculty of the University of
17 Hawaii, Director Dr. Norman H. Okamura was the former

1 Administrator of the State of Hawaii Information and
2 Communication Services Division of the Department of Budget and
3 Finance; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Hisao Okamur was deeply committed to the
5 socioeconomic development of traditionally underserved and hard-
6 to-reach Pacific island communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Hisao Okamur believed that connecting
8 the remote communities to the outside world was essential to
9 promoting a nation's socioeconomic development, and particularly
10 significant in addressing the inequities in the delivery of
11 healthcare and educational opportunities for the United States-
12 affiliated Pacific communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Hisao Okamur advocated for the FSM to
14 have a telecom system that was reliable, affordable, accessible,
15 and transparent; and

16 WHEREAS, in furtherance of these goals, Dr. Norman Hisao
17 Okamur served with great dedication as a consultant to the FSM
18 on telecom matters, providing advice on issues and measures
19 regarding submarine fiber-optic cable projects, including:
20 competition policies for monopoly prevention, the establishment
21 of regulatory authorities, the establishment of public bodies on
22 optical communication, and the utilization of official
23 development assistance; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Hisao Okamur was a tireless proponent
25 and champion of securing the necessary funding to ensure that,

1 when the time came, the FSM had the means to be connected to the
2 newly laid submarine fiber optic cable and to ensure that all of
3 the states in the FSM were connected to the submarine cable; and

4 WHEREAS, on April 17, 2026, at the age of 72, Dr. Norman
5 Hisao Okamur passed away, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated
6 and impactful public service which has greatly benefitted the
7 people of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Norman Hisao Okamur is survived by his wife
9 Helene Okamura; daughters, Alyson Winters (Emmett III), and
10 Jessica Okamura (Jordan); and grandchildren, Elya, Kairo, and
11 Emmett IV; now, therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2026,
14 that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and
15 sadness to the family of the late Dr. Norman Hisao Okamur at his
16 passing on April 17, 2026, at the age of 72; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia and the family of the late Dr. Norman Hisao
20 Okamur.

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22 Date: 9/22/26

Introduced by: /s/ Victor S. Gouland
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