



## THIRTEENTH MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

### A RESOLUTION OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT Supporting the Extension of Broadband to All Micronesian Jurisdictions

**WHEREAS**, information and communication technology (ICT) and broadband telecommunications connectivity are of vital importance to the economic and social development of Pacific Island countries; and,

**WHEREAS**, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and other donor countries have supported ICT development and broadband Submarine Fiber Optics connections for Pacific Island countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Territories of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and Guam, as well as the U.S. Territory of American Samoa in Polynesia, have broadband submarine fiber optics connectivity to the world: and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Territories of the CNMI, Guam and American Samoa have implemented broadband connectivity to all public schools and health centers under the Education Rate and Pacific Broadband Telehealth Demonstration Projects of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Pohnpei State of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands have implemented broadband submarine fiber optics connectivity to the world through Guam; and

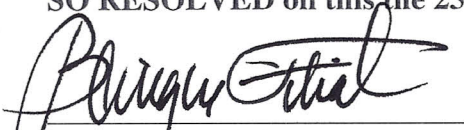
**WHEREAS**, the U.S. has provided additional financial assistance in 2010 to further broadband connectivity in the U.S. territories of American Samoa, CNMI and Guam under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

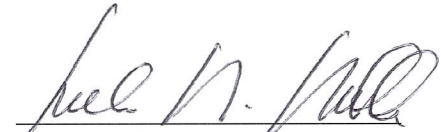
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Micronesian Chief Executives strongly encourage the United States Government to allow the use of Compact monies and other funding to support broadband submarine fiber optics connectivity for the states of the FSM and the Republic of Palau.

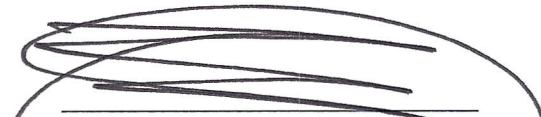
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Micronesian Chief Executives request that the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Government of Japan and the European Union support the development of broadband submarine fiber optics capacity for all Micronesian states, including the Republic of Palau and the FSM states of Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be provided to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of the Interior, as well as to the World Bank, The Asian Development Bank, the Government of Japan and representatives of the European Union.

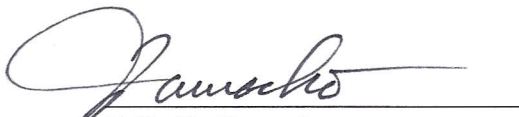
**SO RESOLVED** on this the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2010.


  
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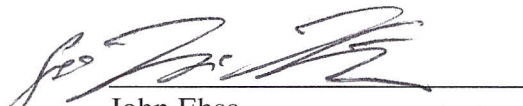
  
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