



## THIRTEENTH MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

### A RESOLUTION OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT To Request And Urge The United States Congress To Restore Medicaid Eligibility For Citizens Of The Freely Associated States (FAS) Residing In The United States And Its Territories

*WHEREAS*, the Freely Associated States made up of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau, are countries that have a unique political relationship with the United States under their respective Compacts of Free Association (Compacts); and

*WHEREAS*, the Compacts allow FAS citizens to freely enter, reside and work in the United States and its territories, and further authorize their participation in certain federal programs, including eligibility in Medicaid as aliens permanently residing under color of law in the United States and its territories; and

*WHEREAS*, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 disqualified FAS citizens from many public benefits, including Medicaid coverage; and

*WHEREAS*, access to health care services through the Medicaid program is needed to help individual states meet the health care needs of FAS citizens residing in the United States and its territories; and

*WHEREAS*, FAS citizens living in the United States and its territories work, pay taxes, and contribute in a positive manner to the communities in which they reside, and that they further contribute to our mutual defense by proudly serving in the United States Armed Forces on active duty in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

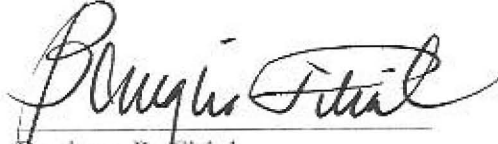
*WHEREAS*, the exclusion of said FAS citizens from Medicaid coverage denies them an important and critical safety net that is available to other people who are also lawful residents.

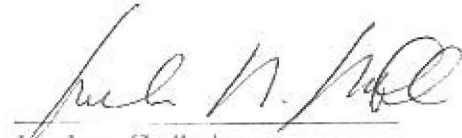
*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Micronesian Chief Executives hereby request and urge the United States Congress to restore Medicaid eligibility for Citizens of the Freely Associated States residing in the United States and its territories and to take no action to restrict or otherwise disadvantage FAS citizens regarding the immigration provisions agreed to under the Compacts.

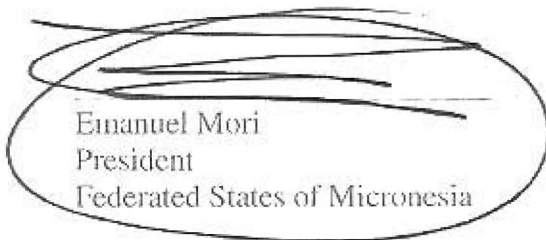
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Congressional Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions; the U.S. Department of the

Interior; the U.S. Ambassadors to the Compact Nations and the U.S. Congressional delegations representing the FAS Nations.

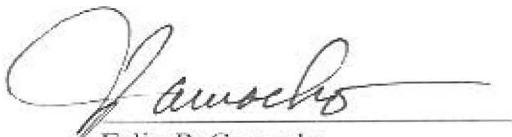
SO RESOLVED this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010:


  
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