

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully asking the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to amend Title 7 of the FSM Code to automatically grant citizenship of the Federated States of Micronesia to any child, regardless of his citizenship of birth, who has been legally adopted by a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia and has thereby become a citizen of a member state of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1           **WHEREAS**, if a child, who is not a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia  
2 is adopted by citizens of the FSM, the child cannot acquire FSM citizenship except by  
3 strict compliance with Title 7 of the FSM Code with a delay of at least five years; and

4           **WHEREAS**, there can be a great hardship experienced by adoptive parents of a  
5 non-citizen child due to this long delay in obtaining naturalization for the child; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the adoptive parents will experience great difficulty in obtaining an  
7 FSM passport for the child so as to allow family travel to the United States; and

8           **WHEREAS**, there is no important social purpose served in denying the privilege  
9 of citizenship to adopted children, who were born outside of the FSM, of citizens of the  
10 FSM; now and therefore

11           **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ninth Kosrae State Legislature respectfully requests  
12 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to amend Title 7 of the FSM Code so  
13 as to provide for automatic naturalization and grant of citizenship of the Federated States  
14 of Micronesia for any adopted child that has become a citizen of a member State of the  
15 FSM by virtue of his adoption by citizens of that State; and

16           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be  
17 transmitted to the Speaker of the Congress of the FSM, His Excellency the President of  
18 the FSM, The Honorable Robert J. Weilbacher and the Governors and Leaders of the  
19 Legislature of each of the other three states of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Senator John Martin