

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, AUGUST 2019

L.R. No. 12-36

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A RESOLUTION

In support of Congressional Bill No. 21-12, for the establishment of the FSM Pharmaceutical Act of 2019, and for other purposes.

1 **WHEREAS**, currently there is no specific law in place to regulate medicines in the
2 Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), where medicines are one-hundred percent (100%)
3 imported and the FSM has been known to receiving substandard and counterfeit medicines; and

4 **WHEREAS**, there have been incidents where medicines intended for other purposes
5 were given for different purposes; medicines are dispensed with incorrect labeling or no labeling
6 at all; expired or short expiry medicines are received regardless; and antibiotics and other
7 prescription medicines are sold without doctor's prescription; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the national health office has been visiting the states during the month of
9 August, 2019 to conduct public awareness, monitoring & evaluation, data collection, and
10 ultimately seeking support on the FSM Pharmaceutical Bill; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, in recognizing the
12 crucial facts that everyone uses medicine, misuse of medicines can be dangerous, that patients
13 must use medicines that of good quality, safe, and effective, and that laws are important for the
14 protection of the public's wellbeing and safety, has taken the lead in advancing the FSM
15 Pharmaceutical Act of 2019 through C.B. No. 21-12; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of the FSM Pharmaceutical Act of 2019 through C.B. No.
17 21-12 would allow the FSM National Government (Department of Health & Social Affairs) to

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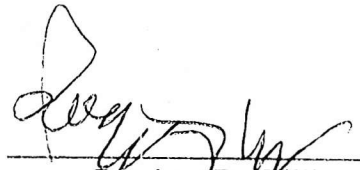
1 regulate the FSM's Pharmaceutical Sector; protect the wellbeing and safety of our nation; ensure
2 that medicines in the FSM are of assured quality, safety, and effectiveness; prevent the entry of
3 substandard, falsified, and harmful medicines and medicine products into the FSM; and improve
4 the availability of medicines for public health emergencies; **now and therefore**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, in shared
6 recognition of the great significance of the establishment of this Act, hereby extend its full
7 support to Congressional Bill No. 21-12; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 His Excellency David Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Honorable
10 Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Honorable Wesley
11 W. Simina, Speaker of the 21st Congress; Mr. Marcus Samo, Acting Secretary, FSM Department
12 of Health and Social Affairs, and the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of
13 Kosrae.

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Date: 08/14/19

Introduced by: 
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