

25TH MICRONESIAN ISLANDS FORUM

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

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THEME: "TAKING ACTIONS TODAY FOR MICRONESIA'S PROSPERITY TOMORROW"

Resolution 25-04

Ensuring the advancement of Women in Micronesia

WHEREAS, the Leaders acknowledge and recognize the critical role that gender equality plays in our Micronesian sub-region and acknowledge that targeted efforts for gender equality need to be multi-sectoral; and

WHEREAS, the Leaders agree that women economic empowerment and gender-based violence are two key priorities for our Micronesian sub-region;

WHEREAS, the empowerment of women not only addresses critical disparities and supports the advancement of human rights, it is also an important process towards the development and economic advancement of families and countries; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence against women in a lifetime in the Pacific region averages 46% and the Micronesian sub-region averages is 44%, indicating that almost half of women in Micronesia will experience intimate partner violence at some point in their lives,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Micronesian Islands Forum Leaders reaffirm their commitment to accelerate progress towards gender equality in Micronesia, identify issues of mutual interest, and endorse the recommendations of the Gender Equality Committee to:

- Strengthen gender mainstreaming through sectoral work;
- Mobilize resources to achieve gender equality outcomes; and
- Develop a Micronesian Islands Forum Gender Equality framework that advances the empowerment of Micronesian women in all sectors of society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Leaders recognize that improving the lives and the futures of Micronesian women and girls by eliminating gender-based violence will require long term commitment and vision.



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