

## The President Palikir, Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia

November 24, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina Speaker Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following act, which I am privileged and honored to sign to become Public Law No. 21-209:

Congressional Act No. 21-219, entitled: "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 601 OF TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH PRESIDENTS DAY ON NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NATION'S FIRST PRESIDENT, TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I take this opportunity to thank the 21<sup>st</sup> FSM Congress for taking this initiative of honoring and paying respect to the Presidents of our nation. Designating a national holiday for this special purpose pays a very fitting tribute to Leaders who have served as our founding fathers, served to forge unity among our citizens, and were instrumental in shaping our Nation building goals.

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David W. Panuelo

President

XC: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court



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November <u>33</u>, 2020

His Excellency David W. Panuelo President Federated States of Micronesia Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Panuelo:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 21-219, "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 601 OF TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTED), AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH PRESIDENTS DAY ON NOVEMBER 23RD ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NATIONS FIRST PRESIDENT, TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth Special Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis

Chief Clerk, Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA NINTH SPECIAL SESSION NOVEMBER 16 - 25, 2020

# An Act

TO AMEND SECTION 601 OF TITLE 1 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTED), AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH PRESIDENTS DAY ON NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> ON THE BIRTHDAY OF THE NATIONS FIRST PRESIDENT, TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: ROBSON U. ROMOLOW

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2020

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

S.C.R. NO. 21-72 - NOVEMBER 20, 2020

FIRST READING: - NOVEMBER 20, 2020

SECOND READING: - NOVEMBER 23, 2020

PUBLIC LAW No. 2 1- 209

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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ACT NO. 21-219

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-146, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on November 23 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth Special Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Wesley W. Simina

Speaker

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis

Chief Clerk

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

#### AN ACT

To amend section 601 of title 1 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annoted), as amended, to establish Presidents Day on November  $23^{\rm rd}$  on the birthday of the nations first President, Tosiwo Nakayama, as a national holiday, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 601 of title 1 of the Code of the
- 2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is
- 3 hereby amended to read as follows:
- 4 "Section 601. National Holidays.
- The following days shall be observed as national holidays throughout the Federated States of Micronesia:
- 7 (1) the first day of January of each year, which is hereby designated as New Year's Day;
  - (2) the tenth day of May of each year, which is hereby designated as Federated States of Micronesia Day to commemorate the effective date of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia;
  - (3) the third day of November of each year, which is hereby designated as Independence Day to commemorate the termination of the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement as it applied to the Federated States of Micronesia and the commencement of full self-government for the people of the Federated States of Micronesia;

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1	(4) the eleventh day of November of each year, which
2	is hereby designated as Veterans Day to commemorate
3	those who have honored their country through service in
4	the armed forces of the United States of America;
5	(5) the twenty-fifth day of December of each year,
6	which is hereby designated as Christmas Day;
7	(6) the twenty-fourth day of October of each year,
8	which is hereby designated as United Nations Day;
9	(7) the thirty-first day of March of each year, which
10	is hereby designated as Micronesian Culture and
11	Tradition Day; and
12	(8) in honor of the first President of the Federated
13	States of Micronesia, President Tosiwo Nakayama, who
14	spent a lifetime in public service on a local, state,
15	and national level, and in honor of all Presidents who
16	have served the Federated States of Micronesia the
17	twenty-third day of November of each year, President
18	Tosiwo Nakayama's birthday, which is hereby designated
19	as Presidents Day."
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1	Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by
2	President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3	becoming law without such approval.
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