



11TH MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

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SUMMER SESSION, 2009

11th MCES R. NO. 11-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE 11TH MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

To strongly support and endorse the nomination of Anthony Marion Babuta as the next United States Assistant Secretary of Interior for Insular Areas

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has nominated Anthony Marion Babauta as the next United States Assistant Secretary of Interior for Insular Areas; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Marion Babauta is a native son of Guam and grew up in the southern village of Agat; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Marion Babauta has worked for the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee since 1998, most recently as 'Staff Director' for the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, and in this position advised the full committee on U.S. policy towards U.S. territories and other U.S. affiliated island nations; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Marion Babauta has developed and maintained close working relationships with Micronesian leaders and leaders of insular areas, including Presidents, Governors and Ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Marion Babauta was instrumental in advancing the renegotiated Compact with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Guam War Claims, and the political advancement of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives of the Micronesia Chief Executives Summit recognize that Anthony Marion Babauta has attained an extraordinary level of competence and knowledge regarding the growing complexity of current, long standing and emerging issues in the Insular Areas, the Micronesia Islands and other Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives believe that the selection of a Micronesian as the United States Assistant Secretary of Interior for the Insular Areas is not only appropriate but necessary to broaden the understanding of the Department of Interior regarding Micronesian issues, and to more closely tie the Micronesian Islands to the issues and priorities of the United States of America in the Pacific region; and

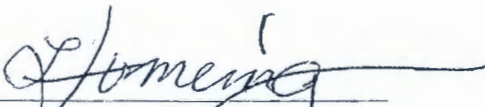
WHEREAS, Anthony Marion Babauta has endorsed and supports the work towards regional integration of the Micronesian Chief Executives through the Summit Process, the Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future and the Strategic Development Plan, **THEREFORE**

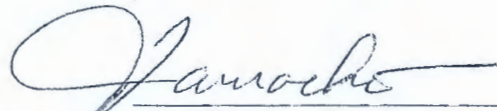
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Micronesian Chief Executives hereby strongly supports the nomination and confirmation of Anthony Marion Babauta as the next United States Assistant Secretary of Interior for the Insular Area; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives express their appreciation to President Barack Obama for his advancement of the issues of the Insular Areas and Micronesian States through the reestablishment of an Assistant Secretary position, which clearly reflects a commitment to enhanced communication, cooperation, development and security through collective action and shared progress in Micronesia; and

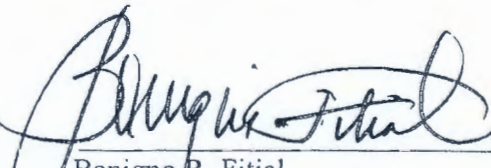
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Micronesian Chief Executives shall send copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Jeff Bingaman, the Senate Committee's Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski and Designee Anthony Marion Babauta.

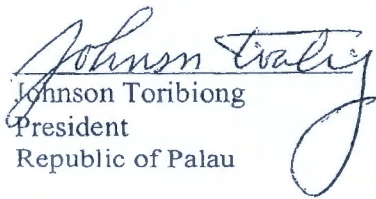
Adopted and certified this 15th day of July, 2009 by:

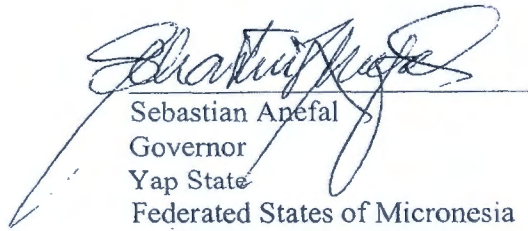

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President
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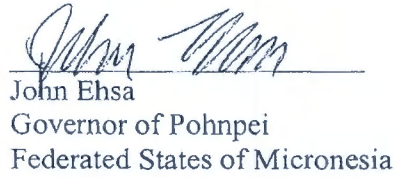

Felix P. Camacho
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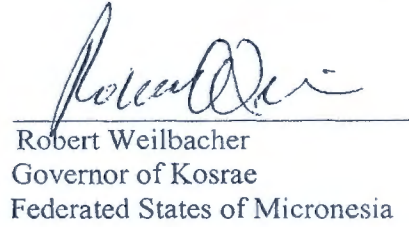

Emanuel Mori
Resident
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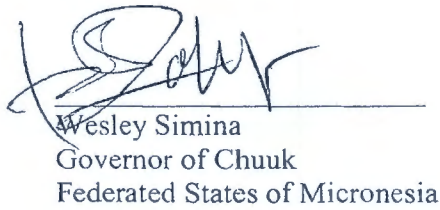

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