

## A Resolution

*Respectfully requesting the Honorable Johnson Elimo Governor, Chuuk State, the Chuuk State Board of Education, the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO), and the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) to direct and effectuate the immediate implementation of the Northwest Education Reform Plan as adopted in the Northwest Educators Symposium in July, 2012.*

Whereas, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>, July 2012, the municipal, traditional, church, and education leaders of the Northwest Region converged on Onoun island, site of the Northwest, to explore ways to improve the quality of education for the students of the region, and;

Whereas, we have suffered years of neglect by the Chuuk State Department of Education's ineffective and infrequent services to us in the remote and small outer islands, and;

Whereas, we understand our own unique problems and needs in the Northwest much more than the people living in the Chuuk lagoon areas, and;

Whereas, we value the perpetuation of our own culture and traditions through the development of cultural curriculum in our own schools, and;

Whereas, our principals from the Northwest region have not been consulted on our school-based budgets to adequately reflect the actual needs in our schools, and;

Whereas, we believe that the decentralized goal for Chuuk State Education Reform Plan can only be truly effective in the Northwest region if there is grassroots support for it, and;

Whereas, we wish to unite all of our schools into the *Northwest Unified Schools* and create a non-governmental organization called *Fanapi Center* to be located on Weno, Chuuk to support the educational services for our region, and;

Whereas, the DOE central office lacks employees from our region who fully understand the unique needs of our schools and traditions, and;

Whereas, we want to take full control of our educational reform by being given the school-based budget to be fully operated through our own NGO, and;

Whereas, the Chuuk Education Reform Plan aims to decentralize educational services to empower each of the regions including the Northwest, and;

Whereas, leaders of the Northwest region leaders have unanimously agreed to locate the Northwest Service Center at Weipat High School and firmly approved by the Mayor and traditional leaders of Onoun, and;

Whereas, we want to take full responsibility for the success and failures of educational reform in our own region, now; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following were adopted in the afore-mentioned summit as activities to be immediately implemented, and, now;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we want to take full control of our educational reform by being given the school-based budget allocated to the Northwest elementary and secondary schools to be fully managed by ourselves through our own NGO, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this institute respectfully impress upon the primary recipients of this resolution to effectuate the implementations of the intent of this resolution and, now;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be given to the FSM President, the FSM Congress, the U.S. Embassy, the FSM Department of Education, the Chuuk State Senate, Chuuk State House of Representatives and the Chuuk State Department of Education, and now;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the leaders of the Northwest who are participants at the institute affix their signatures to this resolution as testimonies of their approval of the Northwest Reform Plan.

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