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MOTION PASSED AT THE  
NCSHPO ANNUAL MEETING  
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Moved by William Farrar and seconded by Charles Lee that:

WHEREAS, the islands of Micronesia, now comprising the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau, have since 1974 participated in the national historic preservation program through the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Government, and

WHEREAS, the historic preservation officers of Micronesia have since 1974 developed effective programs to protect their unique cultural heritage, and have actively participated in the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, and

WHEREAS, because economic development in Micronesia since the islands' devastation during World War II has been slow, the historic preservation programs of Micronesia are unusually dependent upon categorical grant assistance from the Historic Preservation Fund and other U. S. financial assistance program, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress is presently considering Senate Joint Resolution 286, approving a Compact of Free Association which will terminate U. S. governance of Micronesia but extend certain U. S. construction assistance, military, and economic aid programs there, and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in its 1981 report, Termination of the U. S. Trusteeship of the Islands of Micronesia, found that terminating U. S. governance of Micronesia, thereby terminating the protections offered to historic properties by U. S. historic preservation laws and programs, would "threaten the integrity of an unknown number of significant historic and cultural properties," and recommended that support for Micronesian historic preservation programs be continued during the period of the Compact of Free Association, and

WHEREAS, the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations in the Department of the Interior, in its 1984 draft Environmental Impact statement on the proposed Compact of Free Association, found that upon termination of U. S. governance, Micronesia's historic preservation programs would lose the financial and technical support they have received in the past from the U. S., and that Micronesian historic properties would no longer be protected by U. S. historic preservation laws and regulations, but proposed no action to mitigate these adverse effects, and

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the President of the Republic of Palau, and the legislatures of the States of Yap and Kosrae in the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as the Historic Preservation Officers of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Historic Preservation Review Board, have requested that the programs authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act

ADMINISTRATORS OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT IN THE FIFTY STATES,  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE COMMONWEALTHS OF PUERTO RICO AND THE NORTHERN  
MARIANAS ISLANDS, THE TERRITORIES OF AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND THE VIRGIN  
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and certain other cultural programs be continued in their areas of jurisdiction after U. S. governance of Micronesia ends, and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 286 provides for the continuation of several U. S. financial assistance programs in Micronesia during the life of the Compact of Free Association, but does not now provide for the continuation of historic preservation and related programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers urges the Congress to amend Senate Joint Resolution 286 to continue support for the historic preservation programs of Micronesia during the 15-year life of the Compact of Free Association, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers directs its President and Executive Director to transmit this resolution to the President and Congress together with the attached proposed amendment to Senate Joint Resolution 286 to accomplish its intent.

Proposed amendment to S.J.R. 286

Section 5(c)(1) is amended by adding subsection (D) as follows:

(D) National Park Service and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended: Provided, That, grants in aid provided by the Secretary of the Interior to the Federated States of Micronesia shall not exceed .33 percent of the total available to the Secretary for apportionment to the States for the year in which such grants in aid are provided, and that for the purposes of Sections 101(d)(1) and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, properties of significance in the history, pre-history, architecture, archeology or culture of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Section 5(c)(2) is amended by adding subsection (C) as follows:

(C) National Park Service and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation under the authority of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended: Provided, That, grants in aid provided by the Secretary of the Interior to the Republic of the

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Marshall Islands shall not exceed .33 percent of the total available to the Secretary for apportionment to the States for the year in which such grants in aid are provided, and that for the purposes of Sections 101(d)(1) and 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, properties of significance in the history, prehistory, architecture, archeology or culture of the Marshall Islands shall be considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.