

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) has its beginning in teacher education and is now the only national institute of higher education in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM);

WHEREAS, the University of Guam plans to phase out the partnership bachelor's program in elementary education with COM-FSM;

WHEREAS, the FSM 2004-2023 Strategic Development Plan Strategic Goal 9.2.3 states, "improve the quality of teaching in the FSM";

WHEREAS, the FSM Teacher Certification Policy, under types of certification, includes "Advanced National Teacher Certificate (Level 1)... shall be issued to a teacher who has a bachelor's degree or higher and who has passed the NSTT";

WHEREAS, the FSM Association of Chief State School Officers (FACSSO) passed a resolution October 2017 in support of a bachelor's program in elementary education at COM-FSM;

WHEREAS, the college's mission statement states that the college "is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM hereby supports implementation of a bachelor's program in elementary education at the college.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are provided to the Federated States of Micronesia President, Speaker of Congress, and Secretary of Education.

Passed the 13th day of December 2017.

Tulensru Waguk, PhD, Chairman

Johannes Berdon, Vice Chairman

Jesse Salalu, Secretary/Treasurer

Churchill Edward, Member

Pelma J. Mingii, Member