

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the Governor of the State of Chuuk through its Disaster Preparedness Taskforce to extend, resume, and continue the damage assessment in the State of Chuuk to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of the impacts of Typhoon Sinlaku, and to ensure that all affected communities and remote islands are fully assessed.

1 **WHEREAS**, the State of Chuuk was recently struck by the severe and destructive
2 forces of Typhoon Sinlaku, which brought heavy rains, catastrophic winds, and unprecedented
3 storm surges, resulting in widespread devastation to public infrastructure, private property,
4 agricultural crops, and the livelihoods of the people of Chuuk; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in the immediate aftermath of this natural disaster, a Joint Damage
6 Assessment (JDA) team comprising of officials and experts from the United States
7 Government, the FSM National Government, and the Chuuk State Government, was deployed
8 to evaluate the scope of the destruction; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the findings of the JDA serve as the foundational mechanism to unlock
10 vital federal disaster assistance, humanitarian aid, and rehabilitation funding from both the
11 United States Government and the FSM National Government; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the JDA was conducted over a period of only fifteen (15) days, a
13 timeframe that proved severely inadequate given the vast, complex, and isolated geographic
14 reality of Chuuk State, which spans dozens of inhabited islands across expansive marine
15 distances; and

16 **WHEREAS**, due to these extreme logistical constraints and the restricted 15-day
17 window, the JDA failed to reach numerous remote islands, leaving entire communities
18 isolated without an official evaluation of their plight; and

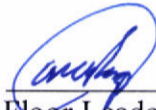
19 **WHEREAS**, even within the areas visited by the assessment teams, not all homes,
20 structures, and agricultural lands were evaluated, thereby creating an incomplete and
21 inaccurate picture of the true scale of the disaster; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the exclusion of these remote islands and unassessed households
23 effectively deprives vulnerable, disaster affected citizens of the critical relief, medical support,
24 and rebuilding resources that they are in need of and desperately require; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives with the concurrence of the Senate
2 that the Eighteenth Chuuk State Legislature, Second Regular Session, April 2026 hereby
3 strongly requests the Governor of the State of Chuuk through its Disaster Taskforce to
4 urgently resume the damage assessment in the State of Chuuk, ensuring that all affected
5 communities without exception are thoroughly evaluated and that every damaged household
6 is documented so no citizen is left behind in the recovery effort; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Joint Resolution is
8 transmitted to the Governor of the State of Chuuk, Chief Justice of the Chuuk State Supreme
9 Court, the Chuuk State Disaster Preparedness Taskforce, and the Mayors of the 40
10 Municipalities within the State of Chuuk.

Date: 5/22/26

Introduced by: 
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