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## PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article XIII of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia by adding a new section to recognize that the natural resources in the FSM are held in trust for future generations and to require that all economic development include mechanisms to maintain the sustainability of natural resources within the FSM.

Section \_\_. The national government of the Federated States of Micronesia recognizes that the natural resources within the FSM are limited and that pursuant to Micronesian custom and tradition these natural resources are held in trust for future generations and shall take every step reasonable and necessary to insure that all economic development includes mechanism to maintain the sustainability of the natural resources within the FSM.

## PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

Our natural resources are limited, whether we consider those resources to land resources or marine resources. Our Micronesian custom and tradition establishes that we are the mere trustees of these resources for future generations. It is necessary that we work proactively to protect these resources for future generations. The best way to protect these resources is to make sure that all economic development is assessed prior to implementation to insure that the development will not deplete our natural resources.

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