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**PUBLIC NOTICE
To Citizens of the FSM residing in the United States**

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Implementation of the REAL ID Act as it applies to FAS Citizens

The Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in Washington D.C., and the three FSM Consulates in Honolulu, Guam, and Portland, continue to monitor the implementation of the REAL ID Act. Accordingly, it has come to our attention that citizens residing in some states and territories of the United States may still be experiencing challenges in applying for REAL ID, in particular as it pertains to the continued issuance of temporary and one-year driver licenses and state identifications.

In consultations with the US Government, the Embassy has officially been informed that both DHS REAL ID Policy and the USCIS SAVE Program, as well as organizations such as the American Association of Motor Vehicles (AAMVA) have communicated to all State agencies that issue Driver's Licenses and/or State Identification cards the recent changes that impact the FAS community. The recent changes can be accessed through the following link:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/09/04/2019-19024/designation-of-real-id-identity-documents-for-citizens-of-the-freely-associated-states-unexpired>.

Should any of our citizens continue to face problems regarding REAL ID, please feel at ease to contact the Embassy of the FSM in D.C. or the nearest FSM Consulates in Honolulu, Guam, or Portland. In the event our offices need to make interventions to assist each citizen, we kindly ask for as much needed information from each citizen as possible, including the following:

- information about the agency (i.e. exact location, address, contact information, representative that the applicant spoke too, etc.).
- information from the applicant to include, copies of what they presented to the DMV, the circumstances surrounding their request;
- a signed privacy release document allowing USCIS to communicate directly with the Embassy about their case. (Please check with the Embassy or the three Consulates if you need assistance with a draft privacy release document).

With these details, the Embassy and the Consulates can work with DHS, and either DHS and/or USCIS can review the case and contact the State, if necessary.

Please feel free to contact the Embassy of the FSM in D.C. at (202)223-4383, Honolulu at (808)836-4775, Guam at (671)646-9154, and Portland at (503)954-3710.

