

A RESOLUTION

Approving the Amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America and the Annexes and Schedules thereto.

1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is a signatory to
2 the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific
3 Island States and the Government of the United States of America;
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5 WHEREAS, the financial provisions of the Treaty are set to
6 expire on June 15, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, the parties to the aforesaid Treaty have negotiated
8 certain amendments to that Treaty during 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, these certain amendments are beneficial to the FSM by
10 providing access to the FSM's Exclusive Economic Zone by limiting
11 the number of United States registered purse seine fishing
12 vessels, in return for the payment of an increase in access and
13 licensing fees; and an extension of the financial provisions until
14 the year 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
16 has directed that the Federated States of Micronesia ratify the
17 Amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of
18 Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United
19 States of America; and

20 WHEREAS, the proposed Amendments are consistent with
21 international law and the Marine Resources Act of 2002; now, therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
2 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2003, that the
3 Congress hereby approves the Amendments to the Treaty on Fisheries
4 Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the
5 Government of the United States of America;

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
8 of Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of
9 Economic Affairs, and the Governor of each State.

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12 Date: 5/27/03

Introduced by: /s/ Henry C. Asugar

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