

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the gratitude of the Federated States of Micronesia to Mr. Al Gore, former Vice President of the United States of America, for his continuing efforts to heighten international awareness of the emerging crisis due to global warming and climate change.

1 WHEREAS, scientific studies and reports for decades have underscored
2 that global warming is a present and growing phenomenon throughout
3 the world; and,

4 WHEREAS, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on
5 Climate Change (IPCC) and numerous other scientific and research
6 organizations have linked an increased level of climate
7 disturbances—notably, rapid sea level rise—throughout the world to
8 global warming; and

9 WHEREAS, rapid sea level rise has been identified by the IPCC
10 and scientific studies as particularly dangerous for islands,
11 especially those with low-lying coastal areas, since the homes and
12 inhabitants of such islands are in danger of disappearing
13 under water within the next fifty to a hundred years; and

14 WHEREAS, scientific studies have established a convincing
15 link between global warming and unabated carbon dioxide emissions
16 into the Earth's atmosphere from human activity; and,

17 WHEREAS, for many years the warnings and predictions of
18 renowned scientists and researchers throughout the world have been
19 rejected, gone unnoticed or have been dismissed as inconvenient
20 threats to personal comfort and lifestyle by citizens and

1 political leaders alike; and,

2 WHEREAS, the failure of world leaders to reach consensus on
3 issues relating to global warming and the need for action to halt
4 or slow human contribution to that phenomenon was made possible by
5 widespread ignorance and indifference; and

6 WHEREAS, former Senator and Vice President of the United
7 States, Al Gore, has courageously undertaken as a personal mission
8 the enlightenment and education of citizens and world leaders
9 alike concerning issues such as global warming, climate change,
10 carbon dioxide emissions, ozone depletion and sea level rise and
11 the emerging crisis faced by mankind as a result thereof; and,

12 WHEREAS, in recent years, Mr. Gore's global advocacy campaign
13 has reached tens of thousands of citizens around the world through
14 his individual appearances; reached many millions more through his
15 book "An Inconvenient Truth" and the record breaking and Oscar
16 winning documentary film of the same name; and most recently,
17 reached billions through the "Live Earth" concert series; and,

18 WHEREAS, the efforts of Mr. Gore have been instrumental in
19 bringing the immediate nature of the crisis to the forefront of
20 human consciousness and in doing so, stimulating international
21 discussion and cooperation toward a meaningful response to such
22 crisis; and,

23 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is a collection
24 of 607 small islands in the Western Pacific, with a total land
25 area of 270 square miles surrounded by more than one

1 million square miles of Pacific Ocean, all bound within the
2 borders of the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, almost all of the 607 small islands in the Federated
4 States of Micronesia have low-lying coastal areas and extensive
5 marine ecosystems; and

6 WHEREAS, the islands of the Federated States of Micronesia,
7 as well as the inhabitants of said islands, stand to be
8 disproportionately affected by the rapid sea level rise
9 precipitated by global warming; and

10 WHEREAS, many of the low lying islands of Micronesia have
11 already begun to experience the effects of rising sea levels in
12 the form of erosion to their shorelines and damage or destruction
13 to taro fields that have provided a food source and a livelihood
14 to the inhabitants of such islands for generations; and

15 WHEREAS, the Congress and the people of the Federated States
16 of Micronesia wish to recognize and express their appreciation for
17 the efforts of Mr. Al Gore in heightening the awareness of the
18 citizens and leaders of the world about the imminent threat of
19 global warming; now therefore

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated
21 States of Micronesia, that Mr. Al Gore be commended for his
22 environmental advocacy and bestowed the deep gratitude and
23 appreciation of the citizens of the Federated States of
24 Micronesia, especially those who are residents of low-lying
25 islands; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Al Gore, the President of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia and the Governor of each State.

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6 Date: 7/14/07 Introduced by: /s/ Moses A. Nelson
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