

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Micronesian Challenge and its commitment to effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by year 2020.

1 WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic
2 of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Territory of
3 Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands signed
4 the Micronesian Challenge at the Eight Conference of the Parties
5 to the Convention on Biological Diversity in March 2006 in
6 Curitiba, Brazil;

7 WHEREAS, the Micronesian Challenge is committed to
8 effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine
9 resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia
10 by year 2020;

11 WHEREAS, the Micronesian Challenge covers 6.7 million square
12 kilometers of ocean representing more than 20% of the Pacific
13 Island region and 5% of the largest ocean in the world;

14 WHEREAS, the Micronesian Challenge far exceeds current goals
15 set by international conventions and treaties, which call for
16 countries to conserve 10% of terrestrial and marine resources by
17 2010 and 2012 respectively;

18 WHEREAS, the Micronesian Challenge also emphasizes the need
19 for Micronesian leaders to work together at the regional level to
20 confront environmental and sustainable development issues;

1 WHEREAS, the Micronesian Challenge serves as a model for
2 island conservation, initiated by a coalition of regional
3 governments, endorsed at an international level and implemented on
4 the ground with local communities;

5 WHEREAS, each of the five jurisdictions of the Micronesian
6 Challenge is developing their own strategies for implementation
7 including identifying the most biologically important areas,
8 establishing or strengthening protected areas and ensuring
9 continued effective management and oversight;

10 WHEREAS, each of the five jurisdictions of the Micronesian
11 Challenge are also working to secure funds to support the long
12 term sustainability of the Challenge for each of their
13 jurisdictions;

14 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has received a
15 \$50,000.00 (U.S. Dollars) donation by the Government of Turkey
16 solely to help fund the Micronesian Challenge;

17 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifteenth Congress of
18 the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2008,
19 that the Micronesian Challenge is hereby ratified by the Congress
20 of the Federated States of Micronesia;

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
23 of Micronesia, the President of the Marshall Islands, the
24 President of the Republic of Palau, the Governor of the Territory
25 of Guam, the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

1 Islands, Governor of each State of the FSM, the Chief Justice of
2 the Federated States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the
3 Department of Foreign Affairs.

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5 Date: 2/6/08

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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