

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

1 WHEREAS, anti-personnel mines kill or maim hundreds of people
2 around the world every week; and

3 WHEREAS, victims of anti-personnel mines are mostly innocent
4 and defenseless civilians, including children; and

5 WHEREAS, the presence of large numbers of anti-personnel
6 mines in post-conflict countries inhibits development,
7 reconstruction and repatriation efforts; and

8 WHEREAS, anti-personnel landmines are mostly used in arm
9 conflicts in a manner that violates international humanitarian
10 law; and

11 WHEREAS, the Convention of the Prohibition of the Use,
12 Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and
13 Their Destruction ("Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention") was
14 adopted at the Oslo Diplomatic Conference on September 18, 1997
15 and opened for signature at Ottawa, Canada on December 3, 1997;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, having been
18 ratified by the requisite 40 countries, entered into force on
19 March 1, 1999; and

20 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia

1 has transmitted this resolution to the Fourteenth Congress of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia; and

3 WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
4 has not yet acceded to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and
5 now desires to do so in order to show its commitment to this
6 important international humanitarian issue; and

7 WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia, First Regular Session, May 2009, hereby ratifies the
9 Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention on behalf of the Federated
10 States of Micronesia; now, therefore

11 BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Article 18 of the Anti-Personnel
12 Mine Ban Convention, Congress hereby resolves that paragraph 1 of
13 this Convention shall apply provisionally to the Federated States
14 of Micronesia pending its entry into force; and

15 BE IT RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
16 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and
18 the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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20 Date: 5/28/09

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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(by request)

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