

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

1 WHEREAS, the history of whaling has been characterized as
2 "over-fishing" of one area after another and of one species of
3 whale after another to such an extent that it is essential to
4 protect all species of whale from further over-fishing; and

5 WHEREAS, the gigantic body of ocean connecting the islands of
6 the Federated States of Micronesia are blessed with a substantial
7 number of species of whale and unless some regulations are in
8 place to regulate their exploitation, the whales in the FSM waters
9 will be on the list of passengers going to extinction; and

10 WHEREAS, through appropriate regulations, whaling operations
11 could be confined to those species best able to sustain
12 exploitation in order to have an interval for recovery to certain
13 species of whale now depleted in number; and

14 WHEREAS, the International Convention for the Regulation of
15 Whaling was signed on December 2, 1946, in Washington, D.C. for the
16 conservation of whale stocks and to make possible the orderly
17 development of the whaling industry; and pursuant to that
18 Convention an International Whaling Commission was created; and

19 WHEREAS, that Commission encourages, co-ordinates and funds
20 whale research, publish the results of scientific research and
21 promotes studies into related matter such as humaneness of the

1 killing operations; and

2 WHEREAS, membership in the Commission is open to any country
3 in the World that formally ratify the 1946 Convention; each member
4 country is represented by a Commissioner, who is assisted by
5 experts and advisers; and the chairman and vice chairman of the
6 Commission, who serves for a three years term, are elected from
7 among the Commissioners; and

8 WHEREAS, the benefits to be derived from ratifying the 1946
9 Convention on the Regulation of Whaling outweigh any possible
10 detriment that may arise there from; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2009, that the 1946
13 International Convention on the Regulation of Whaling be, and the
14 same hereby is, ratified; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that duly certified copies of this
16 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
17 of Micronesia and to the Secretary of the Department of Foreign
18 Affairs.

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20 Date: 12/8/09

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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