

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties on July 5, 2006 in Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

1           WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and  
2 waters of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in  
3 Article I of the Constitution of the Federated States of  
4 Micronesia and elaborated upon in title 18 of the Code of the  
5 Federated States of Micronesia, including assertion of an  
6 exclusive economic zone extending up to 200 nautical miles  
7 outward from baselines; and

8           WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of  
9 Micronesia permits limitation of jurisdiction over waters  
10 pursuant to international treaty obligations; and

11           WHEREAS, the asserted boundaries of the Federated States  
12 of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands overlap  
13 in some areas; and

14           WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance  
15 is to negotiate a treaty establishing the boundaries of each  
16 nation's waters; and

17           WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of  
18 Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands Concerning  
19 Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters

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1 establishes a line of delimitation between the exclusive  
2 economic zones and the continental shelves over which each  
3 nation respectively exercises sovereign rights and  
4 jurisdiction; and

5 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia and the  
6 Republic of the Marshall Islands signed the Treaty between the  
7 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall  
8 Islands Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on  
9 Related matters in 2006; now, therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the  
11 Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2012,  
12 that Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty between the Federated  
13 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands  
14 Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related  
15 matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties on  
16 July 5, 2006 in Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands;  
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
20 States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of  
21 Foreign Affairs.

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23 Date: 3/21/12

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper  
(by request)

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