

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying as a treaty the Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum.

1 WHEREAS, in 2005 the Government of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia signed the Agreement Establishing the Pacific
3 Islands Forum (the "Agreement"); and

4 ~~[WHEREAS, the Agreement establishes the Pacific Islands~~
5 ~~Forum of which the Federated States of Micronesia is a regular~~
6 ~~member; and~~

7 ~~WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pacific Islands Forum is to~~
8 ~~strengthen regional cooperation and integration, including~~
9 ~~through the pooling of regional resources of governance and the~~
10 ~~alignment of policies, in order to further Forum members'~~
11 ~~shared goals of economic growth, sustainable development, good~~
12 ~~governance and security; and~~

13 ~~WHEREAS, the members of the Pacific Islands Forum are~~
14 ~~Australia, the Cook Islands, the Republic of Fiji, the Republic~~
15 ~~of Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, the Federated States of~~
16 ~~Micronesia, Kiribati, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the~~
17 ~~Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu,~~
18 ~~and Vanuatu; and]~~

19 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia [~~is among the~~
20 ~~Pacific Islands Forum members that have]~~ has not ratified the
21 Agreement; and

1 ~~[WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has regularly~~
2 ~~benefitted from the assistance and cooperation among the~~
3 ~~members of the Forum as well as from the Forum Secretariat,~~
4 ~~and]~~

5 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia to continue with its membership and to
7 maintain a good working relationship with the Forum members by
8 ~~[ratifying the Agreement]~~; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the
10 Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2013,
11 that Congress hereby ratifies as a treaty the Agreement
12 Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
14 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
15 States of Micronesia for appropriate transmittal to the Pacific
16 Islands Forum.

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18 Date: 5/01/13

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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