

A RESOLUTION

Approving the Federated States of Micronesia's accession to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction.

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

3 WHEREAS, the victims of anti-personnel mines are mostly
4 innocent 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 land mines are frequently used in
9 armed conflicts in a manner that violates international
10 humanitarian law; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, nearly 75 percent of the world's States have
21 joined the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention; and

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

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the
7 Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2011,
8 that the Congress hereby approves accession to the Convention
9 on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and
10 Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of
14 Foreign Affairs and the Secretary-General of the United
15 Nations.

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17 Date: 11/9/11

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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