

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Agreement on Strengthening the Implementation of the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries and Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific Region (the "Agreement").

1 WHEREAS, the Agreement is in response to the call of the
2 Pacific island leaders to further strengthen mechanisms that
3 protect the fishery resources in the Pacific Region, and in
4 particular further strengthen the effectiveness of the Niue
5 Treaty; and

6 WHEREAS, the Agreement gives effect to the Director of the
7 Fishery Ministers in the Pacific to develop multilateral
8 agreements that would strengthen the fisheries management and
9 provide a robust legal framework for a more integrated, cost
10 effective, and efficient maritime surveillance in the region; and

11 WHEREAS, the objective of the Agreement is to enhance the
12 active participation among the State Parties in cooperative
13 surveillance and enforcement activities by providing a framework
14 for the sharing of resources and exchange of information including
15 fisheries data and intelligence in order to maximize the
16 operational reach and effectiveness of fisheries monitoring,
17 control and surveillance tools, prevent, deter, and eliminate IUU
18 fishing, and contribute to the broader regional law enforcement
19 efforts with the purpose of supporting the continuous improvement
20 of the management and the development of fishery resources in the
21 region, ensuring their sustainability and maximizing their social

1 and economic benefits; and

2 WHEREAS, the Agreement applies to the provision of authority
3 and information to facilitate and support the surveillance and law
4 enforcement activities, cooperative surveillance and enforcement
5 activities in relation to fishing in the waters of the Parties and
6 in the high seas, and sharing of fisheries data and intelligence;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the Agreement is beneficial to the Federated States
9 o Micronesia because it enhances the ability of the Nation to
10 secure its valuable ocean resources through regional Cooperation
11 and sharing of assets and capacities with the neighboring
12 countries; now, therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2015, that Congress
15 hereby ratifies the Agreement on Strengthening the Implementation
16 of the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries and Surveillance
17 and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific Region; and

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

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23 Date: 9/22/15

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

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