

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Treaty Between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties in 2006.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Federated States
11 of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau overlap in some areas; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of
16 Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime
17 Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters establishes a line
18 of delimitation between the Exclusive Economic Zones over which

1 each nation respectively exercises sovereign rights and/or
2 jurisdiction; and

3 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
4 and the Republic of Palau have signed the Treaty Between the
5 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau
6 Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters
7 in 2006, and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
8 now desires to ratify the Treaty; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated
10 States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2015, that Congress
11 hereby ratifies the Treaty Between the Federated States of
12 Micronesia and the Republic of Palau Concerning Maritime
13 Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which was signed on
14 behalf of both State Parties in 2006; and

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

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20 Date: 7/16/15

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