

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

1 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Conservation and Management of
2 Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific
3 Ocean ("the Convention") was adopted on September 4, 2000, at the
4 seventh session of the Multilateral High-Level Conference on the
5 Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the
6 Western and Central Pacific Ocean; and

7 WHEREAS, under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law
8 of the Sea, coastal States and States fishing in the region shall
9 cooperate with a view to ensuring conservation and promoting the
10 objective of optimum utilization of highly migratory fish stocks
11 throughout their range; and

12 WHEREAS, the Convention is of great importance for ensuring
13 the long-term conservation and sustainable use, in particular for
14 human food consumption, of highly migratory fish stocks in the
15 Western and Central Pacific Ocean for present and future
16 generations in accordance with the 1982 United Nations Convention
17 on the Law of the Sea; and

18 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 34 of the Convention, the
19 Convention was open for signature by certain States until
20 September 5, 2001, subject to ratification by the signatories; and

21 WHEREAS, the Convention was signed by the Secretary of the
22 Department of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the President of the

1 Federated States of Micronesia on September 5, 2000; now,
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated States
4 of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2002, that the Congress
5 hereby ratifies the Convention;

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
7 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the
9 Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs, the Governor of
10 each State and the Government of New Zealand as the depositary of
11 the Convention.

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14 Date: _____ Introduced by: _____

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(by request)

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