

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Geneva Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees.

1           WHEREAS, a refugee is a person who is outside his country of  
2 origin, and who is unable or unwilling to return to or avail  
3 himself of the protection of that country because of a well-  
4 founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, sex,  
5 nationality, ethnic identity, or membership of a particular social  
6 group or political opinion; and

7           WHEREAS, treatment of refugees is an international problem  
8 requiring international cooperation; and

9           WHEREAS, individual claiming to be refugees have entered the  
10 Federated States of Micronesia in the past and may do so in the  
11 future; and

12           WHEREAS, the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees  
13 (the "Refugees Convention") was adopted by the General Assembly of  
14 the United Nations on July 28, 1951 and entered into force on  
15 April 22, 1954 and is open for accession; and

16           WHEREAS, the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (the  
17 "Protocol") was adopted by the General Assembly of the United  
18 Nations on December 16, 1966 and entered into force on October 4,  
19 1967 and its open for accession; and

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1           WHEREAS, one hundred and forty three countries are party to  
2 the Convention and/or the Protocol; and

3           WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia  
4 has not yet acceded to the Refugees Convention and Protocol and  
5 now desires to do so in order to show its commitment to this  
6 important international issue; now, therefore,

7           BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated  
8 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2005 that the  
9 Congress hereby ratifies the accession of the Federated States of  
10 Micronesia to the Refugee Convention and Protocol;

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

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17 Date: 9/19/05

Introduced by: /s/ Simiram Sipenuk

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(by request)

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