

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

1 WHEREAS, the General Conference of the United Nations
2 Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization adopted the
3 Convention Concerning the Protection of World Cultural and Natural
4 Heritage ("the Convention") at its seventeenth session in Paris on
5 November 16, 1972; and

6 WHEREAS, recognizing that the cultural and natural heritage of
7 the world are increasingly threatened by changing social and
8 economic conditions as well as traditional causes of decay, the
9 Convention is adopted with the aim of ensuring that effective and
10 active measures are taken for the protection, conservation,
11 presentation and rehabilitation of cultural and natural heritage
12 that are of outstanding universal value; and

13 WHEREAS, several sites and cultural heritage in the Federated
14 States of Micronesia have been identified as possible sites and
15 cultural heritage to be listed by the Convention as of outstanding
16 universal value; and

17 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Federated States of
18 Micronesia to protect, conserve, present and rehabilitate its
19 cultural and natural heritage; and

20 WHEREAS, through its membership in the Convention, the
21 Federated States of Micronesia may benefit greatly from various

1 training opportunities and financial, legal and scientific
2 assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 31 of the Convention, the
4 Convention is open to ratification or acceptance by States who are
5 members of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
6 Organization in accordance with their respective constitutional
7 procedures; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated States
9 of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2002, that the Congress
10 hereby ratifies the Convention;

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
13 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs,
14 the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Social
15 Affairs, the Governor of each State and the Director-General of
16 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
17 Organization.

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19 Date: 1/27/02

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(by request)

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