A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, through its membership in the Convention, the Federated States of Micronesia may benefit greatly from various
WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 31 of the Convention, the
Convention is open to ratification or acceptance by States who are
members of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
Organization in accordance with their respective constitutional
procedures; now, therefore,

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

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

Date: 1/27/02 Introduced by: /s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal (by request)