A RESOLUTION


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

WHEREAS, treatment or refugees is an international problem requiring international cooperation; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (the "Protocol") was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 16, 1966 and entered into force on October 4, 1967 and its open for accession; and
WHEREAS, one hundred and forty-three countries are party to the Convention and/or the Protocol; and

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

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

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

Date: 9/19/05

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