A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to accelerate implementation of the plan to designate the FSM as a "World Park".

WHEREAS, the "World Park Economic Development Strategy" is a component of the FSM Strategic Development Plan as adopted by the FSM Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has exceptional cultural, historical, and environmental attractions that should be preserved and enhanced for the education and enjoyment of future generations of Micronesians and visitors to Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the strategy seeks to establish a model of sustainable economic development for each of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, meetings have been widely held throughout the FSM with government and traditional leaders, including through Governor-appointed World Park Task Forces; and

WHEREAS, the strategy has been endorsed by a number of state legislatures, traditional leaders, religious groups and other stakeholders as well as the FSM Visitors Board and experts in the fields of international development, tourism, fisheries and agriculture; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2006, that the Congress requests the President to direct the Secretary of
Economic Affairs and other relevant officials to engage in discussions, at the earliest opportunity, with the leadership of the FSM States regarding implementation of the COM-FSM World Park Implementation Planning Proposal as presented by the FSM Visitors Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress requests the President to direct the Secretary of Justice to accelerate steps to secure legal ownership rights in the terms “FSM World Park” and “World Park” to protect these key elements of the strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of each State, the Secretary of Economic Affairs and the Secretary of Justice.

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