A RESOLUTION

To ratify the amendments to the Agreement on Regional Cooperation in Matters affecting International Commercial Shipping in Micronesia (MSC Treaty); to reflect the current needs of the three Participating Governments in order to help boost our economies, to ensure security of our seaports and to promote fair trade and shipping amongst and within the MSC Treaty participating Governments.

- 1 WHEREAS, the members of the MSC Treaty intend to continue the
- 2 unified and coordinated system in international commercial
- 3 shipping services throughout the Micronesian region; and
- WHEREAS, senior national government officials from the
- 5 Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
- 6 Islands and the Republic of Palau have engaged in a number of
- 7 discussions on these matters and have concluded with the full
- 8 amendments: enforceable upon them; now, therefore
- 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated
- 10 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2009, that the
- 11 Resolution ratifying the amendments to the MSC Treaty be hereby
- 12 adopted; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
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 2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
 3 of Micronesia, the President of the Republic of Palau and the
 4 Chairman of the Micronesian Shipping Commission.
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