A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

1. WHEREAS, anti-personnel mines kill or maim hundreds of people around the world every week; and
2. WHEREAS, victims of anti-personnel mines are mostly innocent and defenseless civilians, including children; and
3. WHEREAS, the presence of large numbers of anti-personnel mines in post-conflict countries inhibits development, reconstruction and repatriation efforts; and
4. WHEREAS, anti-personnel landmines are mostly used in armed conflicts in a manner that violates international humanitarian law; and
5. WHEREAS, the Convention of the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and Their Destruction ("Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention") was adopted at the Oslo Diplomatic Conference on September 18, 1997 and opened for signature at Ottawa, Canada on December 3, 1997; and
6. WHEREAS, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, having been ratified by the requisite 40 countries, entered into force on March 1, 1999; and
7. WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
has transmitted this resolution to the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia has not yet acceded to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and now desires to do so in order to show its commitment to this important international humanitarian issue; and

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, May 2009, hereby ratifies the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention on behalf of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Article 18 of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Congress hereby resolves that paragraph 1 of this Convention shall apply provisionally to the Federated States of Micronesia pending its entry into force; and

BE IT 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 and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Date: 5/28/09

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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(by request)