A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to obtain membership for the Federated States of Micronesia in the International Organization for Migration.

1 WHEREAS, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an inter-governmental organization established in 1951 that has a membership of over one hundred countries all over the world, and has maintained field offices in more than 140 countries, including in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

2 WHEREAS, the International Organization for Migration’s primary work is to promote humane management of migration and provide humanitarian assistance to migrants by providing services and advice to governments, and the Federated States of Micronesia has in the past benefited from its assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, the International Organization for Migration is also the implementing entity of the United States Agency for International Development’s (USAID) disaster preparedness and emergency management programs through the International Organization for Migration’s field offices in the State of Pohnpei and the State of Yap; and

4 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal Programs and Services Agreement, a subsidiary agreement between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, the United States Agency for International Development is responsible for providing disaster
assistance and coordinating the United States Government response to declared disasters in the Federated States of Micronesia, hence, it is important that this Nation maintain, not only a close working relationship with, but active involvement in the works of the International Organization for Migration; and

WHEREAS, by becoming a member of the International Organization for Migration, the Federated States of Micronesia will gain access to a wider range of networks of international partners that the International Organization for Migration has already established over the years; and

WHEREAS, membership in the International Organization for Migration requires a financial commitment which is minimal as compared to the potential benefits that can be derived out of the partnership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2010, that the President of the Federated States of Micronesia is requested to take such steps as are necessary in order for the Federated States of Micronesia to become a member of the International Organization for Migration; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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