A RESOLUTION


1 WHEREAS, on November 15, 2000 the United Nations General Assembly adopted UN Resolution 55/25, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in persons, especially Women and Children (hereinafter “Protocol’’); and

2 WHEREAS, the Protocol is the first global legally binding instrument with an agreed definition on trafficking in persons, the intention behind this definition being to facilitate convergence in national approaches with regard to the establishment of domestic criminal offenses that would support efficient international cooperation in investigating and prosecuting trafficking in persons case, with an additional objective of the Protocol being to protect and assist the victims of trafficking in persons with full respect for their human rights; and

3 WHEREAS, on December 25, 2003, the Protocol entered into force and is entered in the United Nations Treaty Series at volume 2237, page 39574; and

4 WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Protocol states that the Protocol shall be open to all members States of the United
Nations for ratification, accession and approval; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2011, that Congress hereby ratifies the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be delivered without any further delay to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the FSM Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs, for the earliest deposit of the required instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Date: 7/25/11

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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