

A RESOLUTION

To [~~ratify~~] accede to 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.

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

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

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

18           WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Protocol states that the  
19 Protocol shall be open to all members States of the United

1 Nations for ratification, accession and approval; now,  
2 therefore,

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

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

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16 Date: 7/25/11

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper  
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(by request)

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