

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

1 WHEREAS, the main objective of the United Nations
2 Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Convention for
3 the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (the
4 "Convention") is to preserve intangible cultural heritage and thus
5 a people's sense of identify; and

6 WHEREAS, being rich in cultural heritage, the Federated
7 States of Micronesia has some of the last remaining traditional
8 navigators in the Pacific within the outer islands of Yap and
9 Chuuk, whose knowledge in canoe building and navigation are in
10 danger of extinction if not properly preserved; and

11 WHEREAS, ratifying the Convention allows the Federated States
12 of Micronesia to benefit from the pool of experts in preserving
13 intangible cultural heritage and from the mutual cooperation among
14 State Parties; now, therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2012, that Congress
17 hereby ratifies the United Nations Educational, Scientific and
18 Cultural Organization Convention for the Safeguarding of
19 Intangible Cultural Heritage; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copy of this resolution
2 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia.

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5 Date: 9/11/12

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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