

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties in 2006.

1           WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and  
2 waters of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in  
3 Article I of the Constitution of the Federated States of  
4 Micronesia and elaborated upon in title 18 of the Code of the  
5 Federated States of Micronesia, including assertion of an  
6 exclusive economic zone extending up to 200 nautical miles  
7 outward from baselines; and

8           WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of  
9 Micronesia permits limitation of jurisdiction over waters  
10 pursuant to international treaty obligations; and

11           WHEREAS, the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Federated  
12 States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau overlap in some  
13 areas; and

14           WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance  
15 is to negotiate a treaty establishing the boundaries of each  
16 nation's waters; and

17           WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of  
18 Micronesia and the Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and  
19 Cooperation on Related Matters establishes a line of  
20 delimitation between the Exclusive Economic Zones over which

1 each nation respectively exercises sovereign rights and  
2 jurisdiction; and

3 WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of  
4 Micronesia and the President of the Republic of Palau had  
5 signed the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia  
6 and the Republic of Palau Concerning Maritime Boundaries and  
7 Cooperation on Related Matters in 2006; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the  
9 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2012,  
10 that Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty between the Federated  
11 States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau Concerning  
12 Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which  
13 was signed on behalf of both State Parties in 2006; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia.

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18 Date: 9/11/12

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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Florencio S. Harper  
(by request)

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