A RESOLUTION

Approving the Federated States of Micronesia’s accession to the
Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production
and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction.

WHEREAS, anti-personnel mines kill or maim hundreds of
people around the world every week; and
WHEREAS, the victims of anti-personnel mines are mostly
innocent and defenseless civilians, including children; and
WHEREAS, the presence of large numbers of anti-personnel
mines in post-conflict countries inhibits development,
reconstruction and repatriation efforts; and
WHEREAS, anti-personnel land mines are frequently used in
armed conflicts in a manner that violates international
humanitarian law; and
WHEREAS, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use,
Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines
and their Destruction (the “Anti-Personnel Mine Ban
Convention”) was adopted by the Oslo Diplomatic Conference on
September 18, 1997 and opened for signature at Ottawa, Canada
on December 3, 1997; and
WHEREAS, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, having
been ratified by the requisite 40 counties, entered into force
on March 1, 1999; and
WHEREAS, nearly 75 percent of the world’s States have
joined the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention; and
WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia has not acceded to the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and now desires to do so in order to show its commitment to this important international humanitarian effort; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2011, that the Congress hereby approves accession to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Date: 11/9/11

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