

A RESOLUTION

To approve the accession of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

1 WHEREAS, on September 23, 2011, the President of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia signed the Convention on the Rights
3 of Persons with Disabilities (the "Convention") on the occasion of
4 the 66th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York; and

5 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect
6 and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and
7 fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to
8 promote respect for their inherent dignity; and

9 WHEREAS, the Convention considers persons with disabilities
10 to include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual
11 or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers
12 may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an
13 equal basis with others; and

14 WHEREAS, as a party to the Convention, the Federated States
15 of Micronesia has assumed general obligations, among others, to
16 ensure and promote the full realization of all human rights and
17 fundamental freedoms for all persons with disabilities without
18 discrimination of any kind on the basis of disability; and

19 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of
20 Micronesia guarantees protection of individual basic rights
21 including the right to due process of law and equal protection of

1 the laws, which in effect prohibits any form of discrimination
2 against persons with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
4 taking into consideration the fact that the Federated States of
5 Micronesia is a signatory to the Biwako Millennium Framework for
6 Action Towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society
7 for persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (BMF) and
8 the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC),
9 approved on September 20, 2009 the FSM National Policy on
10 Disability; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2011, that the
13 Congress hereby approves the accession of the Federated States of
14 Micronesia to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with
15 Disabilities; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
18 of Micronesia and to the Governor of each of the four States; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby

1 encouraged to take such steps as are necessary or required to
2 register the approval of accession by the Congress of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia to the Convention as expressed in
4 this resolution to the depository of the Convention.

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6 Dated: 11/19/11

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper
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