

A RESOLUTION

To declare the entirety of the Federated States of Micronesia's 200 mile exclusive economic zone a marine sanctuary for sharks, rays, dolphins and whales and respectfully request the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to take the necessary action to create a marine sanctuary and the State governments to declare their 12 mile zone as a sanctuary for these species.

1 WHEREAS, sharks, rays, dolphins and whales play an
2 important role in our ocean's ecosystem, as well as, being a
3 significant part of our cultural heritage and tourism
4 throughout the Federated States of Micronesia; and

5 WHEREAS, international agencies show a rapid decline in
6 the population of sharks, rays, dolphin and whales
7 worldwide; and

8 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is gravely
9 concerned at the decline in the shark, ray, dolphin and
10 whale populations and recognizes the need to rebuild their
11 populations; and

12 WHEREAS, despite efforts to educate the public as to the
13 disruption to the ocean's equilibrium, sharks, rays,
14 dolphins and whales are still in decline; and

15 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia joins the
16 international community in its commitment to ensure that
17 sharks, rays, dolphins and whales do not become extinct; and

18 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
19 Micronesia requests that its National government to take the

1 necessary action to make the entirety of the Federated
2 States of Micronesia's 200 mile exclusive economic zone and
3 for the State governments to declare their 12 mile zones a
4 marine sanctuary for sharks, rays, dolphins and whales; now,
5 therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the
7 Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session,
8 2013, that Congress hereby declares the entirety of the
9 Federated States of Micronesia's 200 mile exclusive economic
10 zone a marine sanctuary for sharks, rays, dolphins and
11 whales, and respectfully requests the President take the
12 necessary action to create this sanctuary and that the State
13 governments declare their 12 mile zones a sanctuary for
14 these species; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, the Governor of each State of the
18 Nation and the Presiding Officer of each of the State
19 Legislatures of the Nation.

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21 Date: 9/24/13

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