A RESOLUTION

Adopting the National Tourism Policy and Tourism Investment Plans of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the Nation recognizes the need to formulate a national tourism policy and investment plans for the Federated States of Micronesia in order to promote and stimulate economic growth in the tourism sector in line with the Strategic Development Plan; and

2 WHEREAS, the National and State Tourism Offices and the relevant stakeholders, with the technical assistance of the South Pacific Tourism Organization and the Asian Development Bank, developed and presented the draft policy and draft investment plans to the State and National Leadership Conference in January 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, the final draft of the National Tourism Policy and Tourism Investment Plans for the FSM was adopted during a national workshop held in March 2015 after incorporating comments from all relevant stakeholders; and

4 WHEREAS, the vision of the National Tourism Policy is “to halt the decline in visitor arrivals over the next three years, then to progressively develop the FSM tourism sector for the Nation to become a leading sustainable tourism destination by 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, the National Tourism Policy envisages a two-pronged strategy serving as a framework to improve tourism in the FSM,
namely: First, to put in place six building blocks (Tourism Product Development, Destination Marketing and Internationally Competitive, Investment, Human Resources Capacity Development, and Governance) and reform the FSM’s tourism industry; to use the six building blocks as platforms to develop and sustain a robust and productive tourism sector that supports sustainable economic growth by promoting green economy, employment opportunities, and income generation for better social and health lifestyles for its people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2015, that Congress hereby adopts the National Tourism Policy and the Tourism Investment Plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Governor of each State of the Nation.

Date: 9/22/15  Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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(by request)