A RESOLUTION

Ratifying and acceding to the 1963 Convention on Offences and Certain Acts Committed on Board Aircraft.

WHEREAS, the 1963 Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (the “Convention”) was adopted on September 14, 1963, applicable to offenses and acts jeopardizing the safety of persons or property on board civilian aircraft engaged in international air navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Convention is applicable to offenses against penal law and to any acts jeopardizing the safety of persons or property on board civilian aircraft while in-flight and engaged in international air navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Convention recognizes the criminal jurisdiction of contracting parties other that the state of registry under limited conditions, when the exercise of jurisdiction is required under multilateral international obligations in the interest of national security; and

WHEREAS, the Convention recognizes certain powers and immunities of the aircraft commander who on international flights may restrain any person whom he has reasonable cause to believe is committing or about to commit an offense that interferes with the safety of person or property on board; and
WHEREAS, it is in best interest of the Federated States of Micronesia to cooperate with other nations within the framework of the Convention to ensure safety in the aviation industry for the protection of our people and the Nation as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2016, that Congress hereby ratifies and accedes to the 1963 Convention on Offenses and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 2/10/16  Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper (by request)