A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Treaty Between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties in 2006.

1. WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and waters of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in Article I of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and elaborated upon in title 18 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, including assertion of an exclusive economic zone extending up to 200 nautical miles outward from baselines; and
2. WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia permits limitation of jurisdiction over waters pursuant to international treaty obligations; and
3. WHEREAS, the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau overlap in some areas; and
4. WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance is to negotiate a treaty establishing the boundaries of each nation’s waters; and
5. WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters establishes a line of delimitation between the Exclusive Economic Zones over which
each nation respectively exercises sovereign rights and/or jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau have signed the Treaty Between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters in 2006, and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia now desires to ratify the Treaty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2015, that Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty Between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties in 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Date: 7/16/15                     Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)