A RESOLUTION

Ratifying and acceding to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxic Weapons and on their Destruction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

- 1 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Prohibition of the
- 2 Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological
- 3 (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (the
- 4 "Biological Weapons Convention") was opened for signatures in
- 5 1972 and entered into force in 1975; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention was the first
- 7 multilateral disarmament treaty banning an entire category of
- 8 weapons, as States Parties to the Convention undertook "never
- 9 in any circumstance, to develop, produce, stockpile or
- 10 otherwise acquire or retain microbial or other biological
- 11 agents, or toxins, whatever their origin or method of
- 12 production, or types and in quantities that have no
- 13 justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful
- 14 proposes on in armed conflict", and
- WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention effectively
- 16 prohibits the development, and use of biological and toxin
- 17 weapons, which is the key element in the international
- 18 community's efforts toward addressing the proliferation of
- 19 weapons of mass destruction; and

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        WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Federated
   States of Micronesia to joint the global movement of stopping
   the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction for the
   preservation of peace not only for Micronesia, but more
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   importantly, for the whole world; now, therefore,
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        BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the
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   Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2019,
   that Congress hereby ratifies and accedes to the Biological
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   Weapons Convention; and
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        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
   resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
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   States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of
   Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of the Department of Justice.
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   Date: 6/13/19
                           Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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