## A RESOLUTION

Acceding to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization.

- 1 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime
- 2 Consultative Organization ("IMCO") was adopted in March 06, 1948
- 3 and entered into force in March 17, 1958;
- WHEREAS, on November 14, 1975, the Inter-Governmental
- 5 Maritime Consultative Organization adopts Resolution A.358(IX) to
- 6 change the name of the Convention to the "International Maritime
- 7 Organization"; and
- 8 WHEREAS, membership to the Convention shall remain open for
- 9 signatures or acceptance to all states including members of the
- 10 United Nations; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is a member state
- 12 of the United Nations; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Convention, as the sole United Nation's
- 14 specialized agency exclusively devoted to maritime affairs, has
- 15 been providing a forum for cooperation among governments in the
- 16 field of governmental regulations and practices relating to all
- 17 kinds of shipping engaged in international trade, facilitating the
- 18 adoption of comprehensive multilateral treaties for a wide range
- 19 of technical measures and, in particular, the adoption of the
- 20 highest practicable standards, designed to enhance safety,
- 21 security and efficiency in shipping engaged in international
- 22 trade; and

1 WHEREAS, it is also in the best interest of the Federated States of Micronesia with its mass water to join the global movement of meeting the targets set out in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14: to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development not only for Micronesia but for the whole world; now, therefore, 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated 8 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2019, that Congress 10 hereby accedes to the International Maritime Convention; and 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States 12 13 of Micronesia, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Secretary of Department of Justice. 15 16 Date: 9/18/19 Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper Florencio S. Harper 17 (by request) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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