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A RESOLUTION

Approving the FSM National Government's indemnification of the Federated States of Micronesia National Olympic Committee against all claims arising from its planning for and operations associated with the passage of the Sydney 2000 Torch Relay through the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the next Olympic Games are to be held in
2 Sydney, Australia in the year 2000; and

3 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia will have
4 the honor of hosting the Olympic Torch Relay, as it passes
5 through Pohnpei on its way from Olympia, Greece to Sydney,
6 Australia for the commencement of the Sydney 2000 Olympics;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the FSM National Olympic Committee ("FSMNOC")
9 has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Torch
10 Relay Services with the Sydney Organising Committee for the
11 Olympic Games ("SOCOG"), which sets out arrangements for
12 mutual cooperation and assistance between the parties in
13 connection with the staging of the Torch Relay through the
14 FSM; and

15 WHEREAS, under that Memorandum of Understanding, the
16 FSMNOC agrees to provide expertise and support services to
17 SOCOG to assist in the successful staging of the Torch Relay
18 within the Federated States of Micronesia; and

19 WHEREAS, the FSMNOC has sought the assistance of the
20 FSM National Government in complying with the insurance
21 requirements of its Memorandum of Understanding with SOCOG;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the FSM National Government recognizes that
24 the FSMNOC is in its early years, and has insufficient
25 funding to purchase liability insurance in the amounts

1 required by its Memorandum of Understanding with SOCOG; and
 2 WHEREAS, SOCOG has graciously expressed its willingness
 3 to deem the FSMNOC's insurance obligations under its
 4 Memorandum of Understanding with SOCOG satisfied if the FSM
 5 National Government agrees to indemnify the FSMNOC against
 6 all claims arising from its planning and operations
 7 associated with the visit of the Olympic Torch to the FSM,
 8 as more specifically set forth in Section 8 of the
 9 Memorandum of Understanding between the FSMNOC and SOCOG;
 10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch Relay will be a
 12 source of pride to all Micronesians, as it passes through
 13 the FSM; now, therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Tenth Congress of the Federated
 15 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1998, that the
 16 FSM National Government shall indemnify the FSM National
 17 Olympic Committee against all liability that may arise out
 18 of the FSM National Olympic Committee's planning for and
 19 operations associated with the passage of the Torch Relay
 20 through the FSM, as more specifically set forth in the
 21 Memorandum of Understanding between the FSM National Olympic
 22 Committee and SOCOG; and

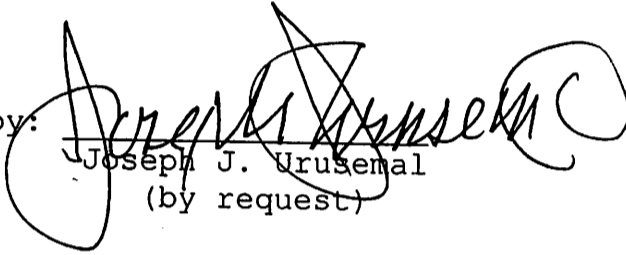
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of
4 Health, Education and Social Affairs, the Secretary of the
5 Department of Finance and Administration, the Secretary of
6 the Department of Justice, and the President of the FSM
7 National Olympic Committee.

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9 Date: 11/14/98

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