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A RESOLUTION

Calling upon the People's Republic of China to respect the aspirations of the Tibetan people towards greater freedom and self-determination.

1 WHEREAS, prior to the invasion of the People's Liberation Army
2 in 1949, the people of Tibet lived in independence and religious
3 freedom; and

4 WHEREAS, since 1949, the People's Republic of China has denied
5 the Tibetans any meaningful self-government, has suppressed the
6 freedoms of the Tibetan people, sought to obliterate their cultural
7 identity, and, through a population relocation policy, sought to
8 outnumber them in their own land; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1959, the spiritual and temporal leader of the
10 Tibetan people, the Dalai Lama, has been forced to live in exile in
11 India and, along with many followers-in-exile, has not been allowed
12 to return to Tibet, even to visit; and

13 WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China's claims to Tibet are
14 based on little more than the authority of force; and

15 WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China has not acted fairly
16 and honestly in responding to legitimate Tibetan demands and has not
17 negotiated in good faith; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Congress of the Federated States
19 of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1999, that we call upon the
20 People's Republic of China generally to respect the aspirations of
21 the Tibetan people towards greater freedom and self-determination,
22 and specifically to accord Tibetans, including the Dalai Lama and
23 other Tibetans exiled abroad, the freedom to enter and leave Tibet;
24 and, we call upon the People's Republic of China to refrain from
25 activities that are destructive to Tibetan cultural identity, and to

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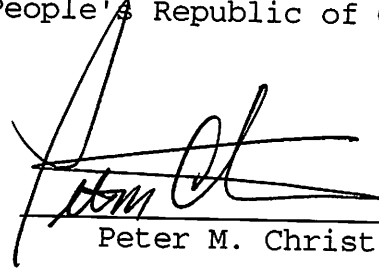
1 carry out future discussions concerning the future of Tibet in good
2 faith; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
4 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
5 Micronesia and to the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China
6 to the Federated States of Micronesia.

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8 Date: 10/18/99

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