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A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Amendment to the Treaty Between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters.

1           WHEREAS, FSM and Palau concluded the Treaty Between the  
2 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau  
3 Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters  
4 on July 16, 2006, and this treaty has remained in effect up to  
5 now; and

6           WHEREAS, the two nations concluded an amendment to their  
7 treaty on June 11, 2025, in Nice, France, in the margins of the  
8 United Nations Ocean Conference to formally incorporate the 2021  
9 Pacific Islanders' Declaration, which preserves maritime zones of  
10 the Federated States of Micronesia despite sea-level rise; and

11           WHEREAS, this amendment represents a significant  
12 development in international conventional law, marking the first  
13 time in the Pacific region where the principle of fixed maritime  
14 boundaries amid climate change has been codified in a treaty  
15 context; now, therefore,

16           BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the  
17 Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2025, that  
18 Congress hereby ratifies the Amendment to the Treaty Between the  
19 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau  
20 Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters;

1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
4 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs,  
5 Secretary of the Department of Justice, the Secretary of the  
6 Department of Resource and Development, and the Governors of each  
7 state of the Nation.

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9 Date: 8/11/25 Introduced by: for /s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
10 Julio M. Marar  
11 (by request)

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