

A RESOLUTION

Acceding to the International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages.

1 WHEREAS, the taking of hostages is a serious violation of the
2 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International
3 Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which recognizes the right
4 of every person to life, liberty and security of person; and

5 WHEREAS, the taking of hostages is an offense of grave concern
6 to the Federated States of Micronesia and other members of the
7 international community; and

8 WHEREAS, the Convention provides appropriate and effective
9 measures for the prevention, prosecution and punishment of the
10 offense of taking hostages; and

11 WHEREAS, the Convention remains open for accession by any
12 State pursuant to Article 17.3 thereof; now, therefore

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2003, that the
15 Congress hereby accedes to the International Convention Against
16 the Taking of Hostages;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Governor of each State of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Date: 8/25/03

Introduced by: /s/ Henry C. Asugar
Henry C. Asugar
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