

A RESOLUTION

To accede to the amendments to the Agreement Relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization, and for other purposes.

1 WHEREAS, the International Telecommunications Satellite
2 Organization (INTELSAT) was formed as an inter-governmental
3 organization in 1971 to provide and ensure universal service to
4 all countries at a reasonable price; and

5 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
6 ratified the INTELSAT Agreement on May 29, 1992; and

7 WHEREAS, the 25th meeting of the INTELSAT Assembly of Parties,
8 which convened in Washington, D.C. in November 2000, decided that
9 INTELSAT should restructure in a manner that provides for a
10 private company with a supervisory intergovernmental organization
11 to known as the International Telecommunications Satellite
12 Organization (ITSO); and

13 WHEREAS, the mandate of ITSO is to ensure that the privatized
14 INTELSAT honors its public service obligations, including the
15 protection of lifeline users and connectivities; and

16 WHEREAS, the 25th meeting of the INTELSAT Assembly of Parties
17 also approved amendments to the INTELSAT Operating Agreement; and

18 WHEREAS, the FSM Telecommunications Corporation currently
19 relies on INTELSAT circuits for connectivity to the rest of the
20 world and for service between the FSM States; now, therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated

1 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2003, that the
2 Congress hereby accedes to the referenced amendments to the
3 INTELSAT Agreement and Operating Agreement;

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 resolution be delivered without delay to the President of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia, the FSM Secretary of the
7 Department of Foreign Affairs, and the General Manager of the FSM
8 Telecommunications Corporation;

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Foreign Affairs
10 is requested to effect the earliest deposit of the required
11 instrument of accession to the referenced amendments with the
12 depository of the INTELSAT Agreement.

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14 Date: 10/28/03

Introduced by: /s/ Henry C. Asugar
Henry C. Asugar
(by request)

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