

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Charter of the Pacific Island Development Forum.

1 WHEREAS, on September 4, 2015, several countries in the
2 Pacific region, including the Federated States of Micronesia,
3 signed a charter establishing the Pacific Island Development Forum
4 (the "Forum") as an international organization; and

5 WHEREAS, in establishing the Forum, the parties expressed
6 their mutual desire to promote peace, stability and development in
7 the Pacific through adherence to the principles of the United
8 Nations Charter; and

9 WHEREAS, the parties acknowledged the distinctiveness of
10 Pacific priorities in the face of the challenges posed by climate
11 change, globalization, and development; and

12 WHEREAS, the parties are convinced that these challenges
13 provide opportunities for all the sectors of society to work
14 together and cooperate in order to be able to address common
15 issues of climate change, sustainable development, and poverty
16 eradication in a manner that will improve the lives and livelihood
17 of citizens of Pacific island nations; and

18 WHEREAS, the parties commit to ensuring that no one should be
19 left behind in securing the benefits of development that is
20 inclusive of people with disabilities, gender, ethnicity, and the
21 elderly; and

1 WHEREAS, the parties further noted the strong support of
2 Pacific islands and development partners in the establishing of
3 the Pacific Islands Development Forum; and

4 WHEREAS, the parties intended that in creating the Forum, it
5 drives transformative changes by implementing policies on
6 sustainable and inclusive development by Pacific island nations
7 through the advocacy in the areas of sustainable development,
8 poverty eradication, climate change, and globalization; and

9 WHEREAS, in realizing the objectives of the Forum, it is
10 comprised of the Conference of the Parties, the Leader's Summit,
11 the Member's Representative Council, the National/Local
12 Sustainable Development Boards, and the Secretariat; and

13 WHEREAS, the charter establishing the Forum constitutes a
14 treaty; now, therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2015, that Congress
17 hereby ratifies the Charter of the Pacific Island Development
18 Forum; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
21 of Micronesia.

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23 Date: 9/18/15

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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(by request)

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