A RESOLUTION


1. WHEREAS, the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation ("the Convention") was adopted by Resolution of the International Maritime Organization in Rome on March 10, 1988; and

2. WHEREAS, the worldwide escalation of acts of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations continues to impact all countries; and

3. WHEREAS, unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation jeopardize the safety of persons and property, seriously affect the operation of maritime services, and undermine the confidence of the peoples of the world in the safety of maritime navigation; and

4. WHEREAS, the occurrence of such acts is a matter of grave concern to the international community as a whole; and

5. WHEREAS, the Convention is of great importance for enhancing international cooperation among countries in devising and adopting effective and practical measures for the prevention of all unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation, and the prosecution and punishment of their perpetrators; and

6. WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 17 of the Convention, the Convention is open to accession by any State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated States
of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2002, that the Congress hereby accedes to the Convention;

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 Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs, the Governor of each State and the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization.

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