A RESOLUTION

To rejoin the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures ("the APIL") is currently comprised of lawmakers from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Nauru, Kiribati, Hawaii, Guam, and the FSM States of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap; and

WHEREAS, the APIL was formed to promote friendship and mutual understanding between and among the law-making bodies in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia ("the FSM Congress") was a full member of the APIL during its initial years, but later voluntarily withdrew its membership; and

WHEREAS, during its General Assembly held in the State of Kosrae, from July 16-18, 2003, the APIL adopted a resolution encouraging the FSM Congress to rejoin the association; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Thirteenth FSM Congress that rejoining the APIL now will be mutually beneficial to the FSM Congress and the APIL; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2004, that the FSM
Congress shall rejoin the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislature.

Date: 5/17/04

Introduced by: /s/ Dion G. Neth

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