A RESOLUTION

Acceding to the International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages.

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

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

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

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

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

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