A RESOLUTION

To accede to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, prior to 1937, four international instruments were in force relating to the suppression of the traffic in women and children;

WHEREAS, in 1937, the League of Nations prepared a draft Convention extending the scope of the four referenced instruments;

WHEREAS, since 1937, developments have made possible the consolidation of the referenced instruments and embodying the substance of the 1937 draft Convention;

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly approved the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (hereinafter "Convention") by passing resolution 317(IV) on December 2, 1949;

WHEREAS, the Convention entered into force on July 25, 1951, and is entered in the United Nations Treaty Series at volume 96, page 271;

WHEREAS, Article 23 of the Convention states that the Convention shall be open to any member of the United Nations to ratify or accede to the Convention;

WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia signed the Convention in New York on September 23, 2003; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2003, that the Congress hereby accedes to the above referenced Convention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be delivered without delay to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the FSM Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, for the earliest deposit of the required instrument of accession with the depositary of the Convention.

Date: 10/28/03

Introduced by: /s/ Henry C. Asugar

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(by request)