

A RESOLUTION

To join the World Organization for Animal Health and accede to the International Agreement for the Creation of an Office International des Epizooties dated January 25, 1924 and its Organic Statutes.

1 WHEREAS, the need to fight animal diseases at global level
2 led to the creation of the Office International des Epizooties
3 through an international Agreement signed on January 25, 1924
4 (hereinafter "OIE Agreement"); and

5 WHEREAS, in May 2003 the Office International des Epizooties
6 became the World Organization for Animal Health but kept its
7 historical acronym "OIE"; and

8 WHEREAS, the World Organization for Animal Health, otherwise
9 known as OIE, is the intergovernmental organization responsible
10 for improving animal health worldwide; and

11 WHEREAS, the FSM has been exporting clams to the EU markets
12 for the past few years; and

13 WHEREAS, the FSM's exports of clams are minimal at this
14 current time, however, such exports have increased over the past
15 two years and have the potential to increase in future years,
16 particularly in the State of Kosrae; and

17 WHEREAS, the European Union (EU) recently adopted new health
18 regulations affecting importation of molluscs and crustaceans
19 (mainly crabs and clams) into EU markets; and

20 WHEREAS, these regulations will take effect in November 2008;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, as per the new EU regulations, in order for the FSM
3 to continue exporting clams and crabs to EU markets the FSM must
4 first become a member of the OIE and accede to the OIE Agreement
5 and its Organic Statutes; and

6 WHEREAS, the FSM is desirous of continuing its exports of
7 clams into the EU markets because of the long term investment in
8 such markets; and

9 WHEREAS, membership in the OIE will help contribute to the
10 ongoing economic development efforts of the FSM; and

11 WHEREAS, the annual membership fee to join the OIE is twenty-
12 five thousand dollars (USD \$25,000.00); and

13 WHEREAS, the FSM is required to join the OIE and accede to
14 the OIE Agreement and its Organic Statutes and now desires to do
15 so in order to safeguard its clams' exports to the EU markets;
16 now, therefore

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2008, that the
19 Congress hereby accedes to the OIE Agreement and its Organic
20 Statutes, on behalf of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the
22 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2008, that
23 the FSM shall submit the requisite membership application and pay
24 the requisite fee to become a member of the OIE before the end of
25 this current fiscal year; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs,
4 the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development and
5 the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

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7 Date: 9/19/08

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