

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

1 WHEREAS, the history of whaling has been characterized as
2 "over-fishing" of one area after another and of one species of
3 whale after another to such an extent that it is essential to
4 protect all species of whales from further over-fishing; and

5 WHEREAS, the vast body of ocean connecting the islands of
6 the Federated States of Micronesia are blessed with a
7 substantial number of species of whales, and unless some
8 regulations are put in place to regulate their exploitation,
9 the whales in FSM waters will be on the list of species headed
10 towards extinction; and

11 WHEREAS, through appropriate regulations, whaling
12 operations could be confined to those species best able to
13 sustain exploitation in order to provide an interval for
14 recovery to certain species of whale now depleted in number;
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16 WHEREAS, the International Convention for the Regulation
17 of Whaling was signed on December 2, 1946, in Washington, D.C.,
18 for the conservation of whale stocks and to make possible the
19 orderly development of the whaling industry; and pursuant to

1 that Convention an International Whaling Commission was
2 created; and

3 WHEREAS, that Commission encourages, coordinates and funds
4 whale research, publishes the results of scientific research,
5 and promotes studies into related matters such as humaneness of
6 the killing operations; and

7 WHEREAS, membership in the Commission is open to any
8 country in the World that formally ratifies the 1946
9 Convention; each member country is represented by a
10 Commissioner, who is assisted by experts and advisers; and the
11 chairperson and vice chairperson of the Commission, who serve
12 for a three year term and are elected from among the
13 Commissioners; and

14 WHEREAS, the benefits to be derived from ratifying the
15 1946 Convention on the Regulation of Whaling outweigh any
16 possible detriment that may arise therefrom; now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the
18 Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2012,
19 that Congress hereby ratifies the 1946 International Convention
20 on the Regulation of Whaling; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia, the FSM Secretary of the Department of
4 Foreign Affairs, and the Secretary-General of the United
5 Nations.

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7 Date: 1/17/12

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