A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to obtain membership for the Federated States of Micronesia in the International Organization for Migration.

WHEREAS, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an inter-governmental organization established in 1951 that has a membership of over 100 countries all over the world, and has maintained field offices in more than 140 countries, including the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, IOM’s primary work is to promote humane management of migration and provide humanitarian assistance to migrants through services and advice to governments, and the Federated States of Micronesia has in the past benefitted from its assistance; and

WHEREAS, IOM is also the implementing entity of the United States Agency for International Development’s (USAID) disaster preparedness and emergency management programs through IOM’s field offices in the State of Pohnpei and the State of Yap; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Federal Programs and Services Agreement, a subsidiary agreement between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, USAID is responsible for providing disaster assistance and coordinating the United States Government’s response to declared disasters in the Federated States of Micronesia, hence, it is important that this Nation
maintain, not only a close working relationship, but an active
involvement in the workings of IOM; and

WHEREAS, by becoming a member of the IOM, the Federated
States of Micronesia will gain access to a wider range of networks
of international partners that IOM has already established over
the years; and

WHEREAS, membership in the IOM requires a financial
commitment which is minimal, compared to the potential benefits
that can be derived out of the partnership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2011, that the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia is requested to
take such steps as are necessary in order for the Federated States
of Micronesia to become a member of the International Organization
for Migration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copy of this resolution
be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
Micronesia.

Date: 9/19/11

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)