A RESOLUTION

To approve the accession of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2011, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the “Convention”) on the occasion of the 66th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Convention considers persons with disabilities to include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others; and

WHEREAS, as a party to the Convention, the Federated States of Micronesia has assumed general obligations, among others, to ensure and promote the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all persons with disabilities without discrimination of any kind on the basis of disability; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia guarantees protection of individual basic rights including the right to due process of law and equal protection of
the laws, which in effect prohibits any form of discrimination against persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, taking into consideration the fact that the Federated States of Micronesia is a signatory to the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action Towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (BMF) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), approved on September 20, 2009 the FSM National Policy on Disability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2011, that the Congress hereby approves the accession of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and to the Governor of each of the four States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby
encouraged to take such steps as are necessary or required to
register the approval of accession by the Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia to the Convention as expressed in
this resolution to the depository of the Convention.

Dated: 11/19/11          Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)