A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Treaty Between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Government of the United States of America on the Delimitation of a Maritime Boundary.

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and waters of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in Article I of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and elaborated upon in title 18 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, including assertion of an exclusive economic zone extending up to 200 nautical miles outward from baselines; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia permits limitation of jurisdiction over waters pursuant to international treaty obligations; and

WHEREAS, the maritime jurisdiction between Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America (Guam) overlap in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance is for the parties to negotiate a maritime boundary delimitation treaty, which the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America have done so; and

WHEREAS, the negotiated treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America establishes a line of delimitation between their respective maritime jurisdiction on the basis of equidistance; and
WHEREAS, the two Nations signed the maritime boundary
delimitation treaty on August 1, 2014, in Koror, Palau; now
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2014, that Congress
hereby ratifies the Treaty Between the Government of the Federated
States of Micronesia and the Government of the United States of
America on the Delimitation of a Maritime Boundary; and

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

Date: 9/19/14                         Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
                                         Florencio S. Harper
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