A RESOLUTION

Ratifying as a treaty the Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum.

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia signed the Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement establishes the Pacific Islands Forum of which the Federated States of Micronesia is a regular member; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pacific Islands Forum is to strengthen regional cooperation and integration, including through the pooling of regional resources of governance and the alignment of policies, in order to further Forum members’ shared goals of economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Pacific Islands Forum are Australia, the Cook Islands, the Republic of Fiji, the Republic of Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is among the Pacific Islands Forum members that have not ratified the
WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has regularly benefitted from the assistance and cooperation among the members of the Forum as well as from the Forum Secretariat; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Federated States of Micronesia to continue with its membership and to maintain a good working relationship with the Forum members by ratifying the Agreement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2013, that Congress hereby ratifies as a treaty the Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia for appropriate transmittal to the Pacific Islands Forum.

Date: 5/15/13

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)