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.

1. 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
2. WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia permits limitation of jurisdiction over waters pursuant to international treaty obligations; and
3. WHEREAS, the maritime jurisdiction between Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America (Guam) overlap in some areas; and
4. 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
5. 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 Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2015, 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: 5/20/15

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)