A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Charter of the Pacific Island Development Forum.

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2015, several countries in the Pacific region, including the Federated States of Micronesia, signed a charter establishing the Pacific Island Development Forum (the “Forum”) as an international organization; and

WHEREAS, in establishing the Forum, the parties expressed their mutual desire to promote peace, stability and development in the Pacific through adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledged the distinctiveness of Pacific priorities in the face of the challenges posed by climate change, globalization, and development; and

WHEREAS, the parties are convinced that these challenges provide opportunities for all the sectors of society to work together and cooperate in order to be able to address common issues of climate change, sustainable development, and poverty eradication in a manner that will improve the lives and livelihood of citizens of Pacific island nations; and

WHEREAS, the parties commit to ensuring that no one should be left behind in securing the benefits of development that is inclusive of people with disabilities, gender, ethnicity, and the elderly; and
WHEREAS, the parties further noted the strong support of Pacific islands and development partners in the establishing of the Pacific Islands Development Forum; and

WHEREAS, the parties intended that in creating the Forum, it drives transformative changes by implementing policies on sustainable and inclusive development by Pacific island nations through the advocacy in the areas of sustainable development, poverty eradication, climate change, and globalization; and

WHEREAS, in realizing the objectives of the Forum, it is comprised of the Conference of the Parties, the Leader’s Summit, the Member’s Representative Council, the National/Local Sustainable Development Boards, and the Secretariat; and

WHEREAS, the charter establishing the Forum constitutes a treaty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2015, that Congress hereby ratifies the Charter of the Pacific Island Development Forum; and

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

Date: 9/18/15

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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(by request)