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February 21, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 20-29, C.D.1, which was adopted by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2018.

Sincerely,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



TWENTIETH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
THIRD REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 29 - 17, 2018

A
RESOLUTION

RATIFYING THE 2001 UNESCO CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE
UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FLORENCIO S. HARPER (BY REQUEST)

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage.

1 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater
2 Cultural Heritage (UNESCO) was adopted on November 02, 2001, by
3 the member states of UNESCO to better protect their submerged
4 cultural heritage; and

5 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Convention is to preserve sites
6 in situ, to stop commercial exploitation and illicit trafficking
7 or unethical recovery of underwater cultural heritage of sites and
8 artifacts, and to ensure that where excavation is permitted, it is
9 carried out in accordance with international best practice; and

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Convention is consistent with how
11 sites in the Federated States of Micronesia and particularly the
12 World War II sites or shipwrecks in Chuuk should be managed, given
13 dive tourism is an important industry in the economy of the
14 region; and

15 WHEREAS, the World War II sites or shipwrecks in Chuuk Lagoon
16 need assistance in managing these internationally significant
17 sites as the current management is ineffective and the sites
18 continue to suffer and threaten the livelihood of the people of
19 Chuuk with serious and hazardous environmental impacts of imminent
20 oil leakage; and

1 WHEREAS, ratification of the Convention is beneficial to the
2 Federated States of Micronesia because of the assurance it accords
3 that technical and funding assistance will be accessible and
4 enabled from UNESCO and the international community to address the
5 urgent and serious risks related to environmental hazards
6 emanating from the shipwrecks in Chuuk Lagoon; now, therefore,


7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated
8 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2018, that Congress
9 hereby ratifies of the 2001 UNESCO Convention on the Protection of
10 the Underwater Cultural Heritage; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
13 of Micronesia, and the Secretary of the FSM Department of Foreign
14 Affairs, for the earliest deposit of the required instrument of
15 ratification with the Director-General of UNESCO.

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18 ADOPTED: February 15, 2018



Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

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ATTEST:



Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress

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