A RESOLUTION

Approving and adopting the Protected Areas Network National Guiding Policy Framework for the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia commits itself as a State-Party to the convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as well as the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas and the Micronesia Challenge (MC) Initiative in which the MC is driven by three main targets:

1. To establish a system of protected area networks in member countries; and
2. To effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020; and
3. To raise $29,000,000 for Federated States of Micronesia’s Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund is order to sustain these efforts in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Protected Areas Network National Guiding Policy Framework (the “PAN Policy Framework”) is to establish a transparent, fair and efficient system governing the designation of a nationwide Protected Areas Network in the Federated States of Micronesia;
WHEREAS, this PAN Policy Framework is an implementation of the FSM’s commitment under the CBD, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; and

WHEREAS, the PAN Policy Framework is a product of close collaboration and broad consultation among state holders and partners nationwide, with active support and assistance from the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) and the Nature Conservancy (TNC), whose assistance in this process is greatly appreciated; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this PAN Policy Framework will establish a holistic approach by which to establish, manage and sustain protected areas network across the Nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2018, that Congress hereby approves and adopts the PAN National Guiding Policy Framework; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the governor of each state of the Nation, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of Justice, the Secretary of Resources and Development, the Secretary of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management, the Executive Director of the Micronesia Conservation Trust, and the Director of the Nature Conservancy-Micronesia Program.

Dated: 5/12/18

Introduced by: /s/ for Joseph J. Urusemal

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)