A RESOLUTION

Ratifying and acceding to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxic Weapons and on their Destruction.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (the “Biological Weapons Convention”) was opened for signatures in 1972 and entered into force in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention was the first multilateral disarmament treaty banning an entire category of weapons, as States Parties to the Convention undertook “never in any circumstance, to develop, produce, stockpile or otherwise acquire or retain microbial or other biological agents, or toxins, whatever their origin or method of production, or types and in quantities that have no justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful proposes on in armed conflict”, and

WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention effectively prohibits the development, and use of biological and toxin weapons, which is the key element in the international community’s efforts toward addressing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Federated States of Micronesia to join the global movement of stopping the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction for the preservation of peace not only for Micronesia, but more importantly, for the whole world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2019, that Congress hereby ratifies and accedes to the Biological Weapons Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

Date: 6/13/19

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