TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2024

C.R. NO. 23-128

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Biological and Toxic Weapons and on their Destruction.

1 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Prohibition of the 2 Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Biological and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (the "Biological Weapons 3 4 Convention") was opened for signatures on April 10, 1972 and entered into force on March 26, 1975; and 5 WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention was the first 6 multilateral disarmament treaty banning an entire category of 7 weapons, as States Parties to the Convention undertook "never 8 in any circumstance, to develop, produce, stockpile or 9 otherwise acquire or retain microbial or other biological 10 agents, or toxins, whatever their origin or method of 11 12 production, or types and in quantities that have no 13 justification for prophylactic, protective or other peaceful proposes or in armed conflict"; and 14 15 WHEREAS, the Biological Weapons Convention effectively 16 prohibits the development, production, acquisition, transfer, retention, stockpiling and use of biological and toxic weapons, 17 18 which is the key element in the international community's

19 efforts toward addressing the proliferation of weapons of mass

1 destruction; and

2 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Federated 3 States of Micronesia to joint the global movement of stopping 4 the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction for the preservation of peace not only for Micronesia, but more 5 importantly, for the whole world; now, therefore, 6 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2024, 8 9 that the Congress hereby ratifies the Convention on the 10 Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of 11 Biological and Toxic Weapons and their Destruction; and 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated 13 14 States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of the Department of Justice. 15 16 Date: 3/28/24 Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence 17 Quincy Lawrence 18 (by request) 19 20 21 22 23 24 25