A RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea was concluded and opened for signature at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on December 10, 1982; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 the Congress of Micronesia established the Delegation of Micronesia to represent the interests of the people of Micronesia at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, which delegation was a fully participating Observer Member of the Conference; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia established a Joint Delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Conference as a successor delegation to the Delegation of Micronesia established by the Congress of Micronesia, and which also was a fully participating Observer Member of the Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea was the international forum responsible for the formulation and drafting of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea is an international agreement requiring ratification by the Congress in accordance with article IX, section 4, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is competent to become a Party to the Convention pursuant to article 305(1)(d)(e) of the Convention; and

WHEREAS, in addition to ratification by Congress, participation in the Convention will require signature or the deposit of an instrument
of accession by the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, certain obstacles to FSM participation in the Convention
have been raised by forces external to the Federated States of Micronesia,
obstacles which may delay FSM participation in the Convention for a period
of time; and

WHEREAS, nevertheless it is desirable to complete the congressional
act of ratification of the Convention, so that the executive branch can
proceed with an expedited signature or accession at the appropriate time;
and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 28, 1983, addressed to the Speaker
of the Congress, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
recommended ratification of the Convention; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1983, that the Congress hereby
at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on December 10, 1982; 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 United States Department of State, and the High
Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Date: 10/31/83

Introduced by:

[Signature]
John Hagleigah
(by request)