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A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, in addition to ratification by Congress, participation
25 in the Convention will require signature or the deposit of an instrument

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1 of accession by the executive branch; and

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

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

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

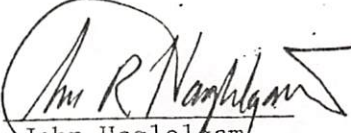
13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
14 Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1983, that the Congress hereby
15 ratifies the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea concluded
16 at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on December 10, 1982; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
18 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,
19 the Secretary of the United States Department of State, and the High
20 Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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22 Date: 10/31/83

Introduced by:


John Haglelgam
(by request)

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