
A RESOLUTION

Expressing serious concern over the threat to the Federated States of Micronesia posed by the effects of global warming and respectfully requesting the President to assure that the special concerns of the Federated States of Micronesia are advanced and dealt with effectively in the negotiations taking place between now and June, 1992, to reach a global Framework Convention on climate change.

1 WHEREAS, intensive studies by the World's leading climatologists
2 now indicate that continued unrestricted release of carbon dioxide,
3 methane, nitrous oxide and other greenhouse gases into the Earth's
4 atmosphere as a consequence of industrial and agricultural activities
5 in the nations of the world will accelerate the process of global
6 warming and climate change, with possible catastrophic consequences,
7 particularly for low-lying ocean islands due to sea-level rise,
8 intensified storms, salt water invasion, destruction of marine life
9 and other effects; and

10 WHEREAS, the islands and people of the Federated States of
11 Micronesia stand to be among the first on Earth to become victims of
12 the global warming and climate change processes, even though we
13 contribute negligibly to their causes; and

14 WHEREAS, the United Nations, by Resolution 45/212 of the General
15 Assembly, dated January 17, 1991, entitled, "Protection of global
16 climate for present and future generations of mankind," initiated a
17 negotiating process toward a global Framework Convention on Climate
18 Change to be signed in June, 1992; and

19 WHEREAS, the small island nations of the World have joined
20 together for the negotiations in a common-interest working group
21 known as the "Alliance of Small Island States," to encourage broader
22 expression of island views and participation to maximize their impact
23 and realize their common goals; now, therefore,

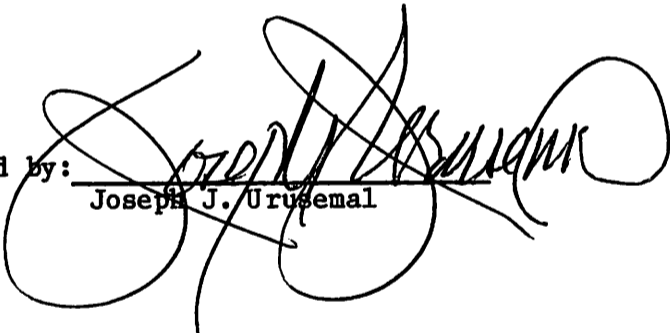
24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States
25 of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1991, that the Congress hereby

1 expresses grave concern over the threats to the islands and people of
2 the Federated States of Micronesia if the global warming and climate
3 change processes are not reversed; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress calls upon the
5 President of the Federated States of Micronesia to take all steps
6 necessary to assure that the Nation's interests are appropriately
7 represented at the negotiations toward a Framework Convention on
8 Climate Change, and that those designated to represent the Federated
9 States of Micronesia work diligently together with the Alliance of
10 Small Island States toward the end that the special concerns of this
11 Nation are addressed and find expression in the terms of the
12 Convention; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
14 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,
15 the Department of Human Resources and the Department of External
16 Affairs.

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18 Date: 6/05/91

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