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A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South Pacific Region.

1           WHEREAS, regional cooperation in surveillance and law enforcement  
2 in fisheries can contribute significantly to more effective,  
3 efficient, and equitable management of the Exclusive Economic Zone of  
4 the Federated States of Micronesia; and

5           WHEREAS, the parties to the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency  
6 Convention, 1979, have agreed under article 5 of that Convention that  
7 the Forum Fisheries Committee shall promote intra-regional cooperation  
8 and coordination in fisheries surveillance and law enforcement; and

9           WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia, as a new member of  
10 the Forum Fisheries Agency, has actively participated for several  
11 years in the negotiations leading to this Niue Treaty; and

12           WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
13 along with 13 other heads of state or government from the South  
14 Pacific Forum, indicated his support of the final negotiated text  
15 by signing the Niue Treaty at the 23rd South Pacific Forum in  
16 Honiara; and

17           WHEREAS, ratification of the Niue Treaty will hasten the day of  
18 its coming into force, so that benefits from regional cooperation  
19 and enforcement can begin as soon as possible; and

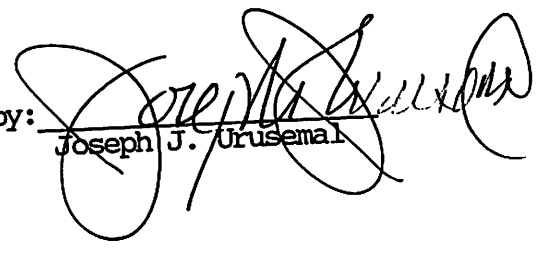
20           WHEREAS, ratification of the Niue Treaty can advance even further  
21 the efforts of the Federated States of Micronesia to take the lead and  
22 set the example in developing a more rational, effective, and  
23 equitable management of our very valuable fishing resource; now,  
24 therefore,

25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated States of

1 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1993, that pursuant to section 2(b)  
2 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of  
3 Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies the Niue Treaty on  
4 Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the South  
5 Pacific Region; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution  
7 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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9 Date: 6/09/93

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