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 in fisheries can contribute significantly to more effective, efficient, and equitable management of the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

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

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

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

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

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

therefore,

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

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

Date: 4/09/93

Introduced by: [Signature]

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