A RESOLUTION

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

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

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 to protect and manage the exploitation of the fisheries resources in the South Pacific Forum region; and

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

WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, along with 13 other Heads of State or Government from the South Pacific Forum, signed the Niue Treaty at the 23rd South Pacific Forum in Honiara when the Treaty was opened for signature on July 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Niue Treaty entered into force on May 20, 1993; and

WHEREAS, ratification of the Niue Treaty can advance even further the efforts of the Federated States of Micronesia to
effectively participate in developing a more rational, effective, and equitable management to protect our very valuable fishing resource; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second 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 upon receipt of this resolution the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia shall lodge, as soon as possible, an instrument of ratification with the Government of Niue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia.

10/22/93

Date: ____________________________

Introduced by: /s/ Joseph Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal (by request)