A RESOLUTION


1 WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women ("CEDAW") was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December, 1979, and entered into force in September, 1981; and

2 WHEREAS, since joining the United Nations in 1991, the Federated States of Micronesia Government has consistently taken positive action on issues affecting human rights; and

3 WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and everyone is entitled to their rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind, including distinction based on sex; and

4 WHEREAS, discrimination against women violates the principles of equality of rights and respect for human dignity; is an obstacle to the participation of women, on equal terms with men, in the political, social, economic and cultural life of their countries; hampers the growth of the prosperity of society and the family and makes more difficult the full development of the potentialities of women in the service of their countries and of humanity; and

5 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia ("FSM") is committed to the pursuit of all appropriate measures, including legislation to ensure the full development and advancement of women in the FSM, for the purpose of guaranteeing women the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms on a basis of equality with men; and

6 WHEREAS, the full and complete development of a country, the welfare of the world, and the cause of peace require the maximum participation of women on equal terms with men in all fields; and

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WHEREAS, the FSM is committed to the elimination of prejudice and discriminatory practices based on outdated stereotypes of the roles of men and women in society; and

WHEREAS, the role of women in procreation should not be a basis for discrimination, and recognizing that the upbringing of children requires a sharing of responsibility between men and women and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women condemns discrimination against women in all its forms, and Parties to the Convention agree to pursue without delay a policy eliminating discrimination against women; and

WHEREAS, accession by the Federated States of Micronesia to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women will constitute a substantial step towards the elimination of discrimination against women in the Federated States of Micronesia and in the world as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1995, that pursuant to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies the "United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women" (December, 1979); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the receipt of this resolution by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of External Affairs shall lodge with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as depository, an instrument of accession; and

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

Date: 3/25/95

Introduced by

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