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NINTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1995

C.R. NO. 9-11

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A RESOLUTION

To ratify the "United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women" (December, 1979).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2 discriminatory practices based on outdated stereotypes of the roles of men  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

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

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

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

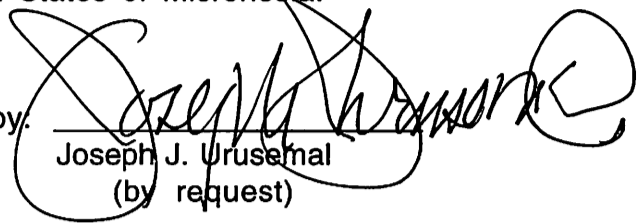
16           BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth Congress of the Federated States of  
17 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1995, that pursuant to section 2(b) of article  
18 IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress  
19 hereby ratifies the "United Nations Convention on the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

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

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

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4 Date: 1/25/95

Introduced by:   
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