

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

1 WHEREAS, the history of whaling has been characterized as "over-
2 fishing" of one area after another and of one species of whale after
3 another to such an extent that it is essential to protect all species
4 of whale from further over-fishing; and

5 WHEREAS, the gigantic body of ocean connecting the islands of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia are blessed with a substantial number of
7 species of whale and unless some regulations are in place to regulate
8 their exploitation, the whales in the FSM waters will be on the list of
9 passengers going to extinction; and

10 WHEREAS, through appropriate regulations, whaling operations could
11 be confined to those species best able to sustain exploitation in order
12 to have an internal for recovery to certain species of whale now
13 depleted in number; and

14 WHEREAS, the International Convention for the Regulation of Waling
15 was signed on December 2, 1946, in Washington, D.C. for the
16 conservation of whale stocks and to make possible the orderly
17 development of the whaling industry; and pursuant to that Convention an
18 International Whaling Commission was created; and

19 WHEREAS, that Commission encourages, co-ordinates and funds whale
20 research, publish the results of scientific research and promotes

1 studies into related matter such as humaneness of the killing
2 operations; and

3 WHEREAS, membership in the Commission is open to any country in the
4 World that formally ratify the 1946 Convention; each member country is
5 represented by a Commissioner, who is assisted by experts and advisers;
6 and the chairman and vice chairman of the Commission, who serves for a
7 three years term, are elected from among the Commissioners; and

8 WHEREAS, the benefits to be derived from ratifying the 1946
9 Convention on the Regulation of Whaling outweigh any possible detriment
10 that may arise there from; now, therefore

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of
12 Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2008, that the 1946 International
13 Convention on the Regulation of Whaling be, and the same hereby is,
14 ratified; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that duly certified copies of this
16 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia and to the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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19 Date: 9/24/08

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