

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, and Supplementing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime.

1           WHEREAS, on November 15, 2000, the United Nations General  
2 Assembly adopted UN Resolution 55/25, the Protocol to Prevent,  
3 Suppress and Punish Trafficking in persons, especially Women  
4 and Children (hereinafter "Protocol"); and

5           WHEREAS, the Protocol is the first global legally binding  
6 instrument with an agreed definition on trafficking in persons,  
7 the intention behind this definition being to facilitate  
8 convergence in national approaches with regard to the  
9 establishment of domestic criminal offences that would support  
10 efficient international cooperation in investigating and  
11 prosecuting trafficking in persons cases, with an additional  
12 objective of the Protocol being to protect and assist the  
13 victims of trafficking in persons with full respect for their  
14 human rights; and

15           WHEREAS, on December 25, 2003, the Protocol was entered  
16 into force and is entered in the United Nations Treaty Series  
17 at volume 2237, page 39574; and

18           WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Protocol states that the  
19 Protocol shall be open to all member States of the United  
20 Nations for ratification, accession and approval; now,

1 therefore,

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated  
3 States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2011, that  
4 Congress hereby ratifies the Protocol; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 resolution be delivered without any further delay to the  
7 President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the  
8 Secretary of FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, for the  
9 earliest deposit of the required instrument of accession with  
10 the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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12 Date: 3/22/11

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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