

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities in the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, on September 23, 2011, the President of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia signed the Convention on the Rights
3 of Persons with Disabilities (the "Convention") on the occasion of
4 the 66th United Nations General Assembly in New York;

5 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Convention is to promote, protect
6 and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and
7 fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to
8 promote respect for their inherent dignity; and

9 WHEREAS, the Convention considers persons with disabilities
10 to include those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual
11 or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers
12 may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an
13 equal basis with others; and

14 WHEREAS, as a party to the Convention, the Federated States
15 of Micronesia has assumed general obligations, among others, to
16 ensure and promote the full realization of all human rights and
17 fundamental freedoms for all persons with disabilities without
18 discrimination of any kind on the basis of disability; and

19 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of

1 Micronesia guarantees protection of individual basic rights
2 including the right to due process of law and equal protection of
3 laws, which in effect prohibits any form of discrimination against
4 persons with disabilities; and

5 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
6 has taken into consideration the fact that the Federated States of
7 Micronesia is a signatory to the Biwako Millennium Framework for
8 Action Towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society
9 for Person with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, a party to
10 the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, approved
11 on September 20, 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, resolutions to support the ratification of the
13 Convention have now been adopted by all four (4) State
14 Legislatures, namely the 11th State Legislature of Kosrae, First
15 Special Session, on April 30, 2015; the 13th State Legislature of
16 Chuuk, First Regular Session, on April 30, 2015; the 9th State
17 Legislature of Yap, First Regular Session, on May 20, 2015; and
18 the 9th State Legislature of Pohnpei, First Special Session, on
19 March 18, 2016; now, therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated
21 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2016, that the
22 Congress hereby ratifies the Convention on the Rights of Persons
23 with Disabilities; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted without to the President of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia, and the Secretary of the FSM
4 Department of Foreign Affairs for the earliest deposit of the
5 required instrument of ratification with the Secretary-General of
6 the United Nations.

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8 Date: 9/19/16

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