



Department of Foreign Affairs Federated States of Micronesia

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage was adopted on November 02, 2001, by the member states of UNESCO to better protect their submerged cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Convention is to preserve sites in situ, to stop commercial exploitation and illicit trafficking or unethical recovery of underwater cultural heritage of sites and artifacts, and to ensure that where excavation is permitted, it is carried out in accordance with international best practice; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia having considered the aforesaid Convention hereby ratify the said Convention and undertake faithfully to carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, Lorin S. Robert, have signed and sealed this instrument.

Done at Palikir, Pohnpei this day of March 6th 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorin S. Robert", is written over the printed name.

Lorin S. Robert
Secretary of Foreign Affairs