## A RESOLUTION

Approving the Access Fishing Agreement between the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Purse Seine Boat-owners and Exporters Association.

- 1 WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority
- 2 (NORMA) and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Purse Seine Boat-owners and
- 3 Exporters Association (Association) have concluded an agreement
- 4 concerning access of foreign fishing vessels in the Exclusive
- 5 Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM);
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 405 of Title 24 of the Code of
- 8 the Federated States of Micronesia, said Agreement is required to
- 9 be approved by Congress to be effective; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Agreement covers thirty-two (32) purse seine
- 11 vessels with a provision for an additional two (2) vessels to join
- 12 the fleet in the future for a maximum of 34 vessels to be licensed
- 13 to fish in the FSM EEZ; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for financial benefits to
- 15 accrue to the FSM in the form of access fees; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the Agreement contains all the required minimum
- 17 terms and conditions for access including in conformity with
- 18 regional and international requirements; now, therefore,
- 19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
- 20 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2009, that the

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1 agreement between NORMA and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Purse Seine
 2 Boat-owners and Exporters Association executed on April 23, 2009
 3 is hereby approved; and
        BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be
 5 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
 6 and the Executive Director of the National Oceanic Resource
 7 Management Agency.
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 9 Date: <u>5/18/09</u>
                    Introduced by: <u>/s/ Roger S. Mori</u>
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