A RESOLUTION

Approving, accepting and ratifying the agreement on financial assistance from the Government of the United States of America in the amount of \$48,200, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

- 1 WHEREAS, the Government of the United States through the USDA
- 2 extended, and FSM accepted, a competitive grant (the "Grant") in
- 3 the amount of \$48,200 as evidenced by a letter dated August 18,
- 4 2008 from Laurie A. Tippin, Director, State and Private Forestry,
- 5 USDA, Forest Service, Region 5; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Grant was extended to the FSM upon the approval
- 7 of FSM's application for federal assistance, entitled: "Protecting
- 8 Pohnpei's Watershed Forest Reserve" which was submitted during FY
- 9 2008; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the activities to be funded by the proceeds of the
- 11 Grant are those to be undertaken in the State of Pohnpei under the
- 12 Forest Stewardship Program, and are designed to protect
- 13 biodiversity and water resources in partnership with the
- 14 communities; and
- 15 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 210(1)(b) of title 55 of the
- 16 Code of the Federated States of Micronesia the Grant constitutes a
- 17 "foreign financial assistance", and the acceptance thereof
- 18 constitutes the "agreement" as the term is understood under
- 19 section 210(1)(a) of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States
- 20 of Micronesia; and

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        WHEREAS, pursuant to section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code
   of the Federated States of Micronesia, no agreement shall be
   valid, and no funds may be received pursuant to such agreement,
   unless and until Congress approves the agreement by resolution;
   now, therefore,
        BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
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   States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2010, that the
   $48,200 Grant from the Government of the United States of America
   for the benevolent assistance and gesture of further strengthening
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   friendly and cooperative relations; and
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        BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this
   resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
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   of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs,
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   the Acting Secretary of the Department of Resources and
   Development, the Governor of State of Pohnpei, and the Government
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16 of the United States of America.
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  Date: <u>1/25/10</u>
                                Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka
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