A RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting an agreement on, and receipt of, a federal grant assistance in the amount $190,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, under the US Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service extended to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia a federal grant assistance in the amount of $190,000 (the “Grant”) as evidenced by a Final Grant Funding Advice provided to Federated States of Micronesia on March 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Grant is to fund specific programs; the Forest Health Protection and Invasive Plants Management Program, the Forest Stewardship Program and the Urban and Community Forestry, under a consolidated program for the States of Chuuk and Kosrae; and

WHEREAS, the grant assistance is to be provided to the Federated States of Micronesia over a period of two years for the States of Chuuk and Kosrae and is critical to the success of forestry programs in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, section 210 of title 55 of the Federated States of Micronesia provides that for an agreement on foreign financial assistance to be valid it must be approved by Congress by resolution; and
WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is grateful and appreciative to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service for the benevolent assistance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2012, that Congress hereby approves the $190,000 grant assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, including all the terms and conditions thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the FSM Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, the FSM Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, the Governors of the States of Chuuk and Kosrae, and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Date: 5/24/12 Introduced by: /s/ Berney Martin
Florencio S. Harper (by request)