A RESOLUTION

To approve a sum of $452,000 from the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia to assist the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to carry out a research-based project on impacts of climate change on food crops in the islands and outer islands of the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations declared that climate change was the single most important factor affecting the stability of food supplies; and

WHEREAS, the islands and coastal communities of the Federated States of Micronesia are part of the Pacific region vulnerable to the adverse effects and impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, food security and availability are essential aspects of the well-being and survival of the FSM citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to research the effect of climate change on food availability and security in the islands of the Federated States of Micronesia and to develop adjustment and adaptation strategies; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Australian Government’s International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (ICCAI), the Pacific Adaptation Strategy Assistance Program (PASAP) aims to assist the development of evidence-based adaptation strategies to inform robust long-term national planning and decision making.
WHEREAS, the Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM) submitted a proposal at an ICCAI workshop in March 2009; and

WHEREAS, the PASAP will establish a partnership between the FSM OEEM Project Office, the SPC North Pacific Regional Office (SPC NPRO), and the College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research and Extension (COM FSM CRE) Office in Pohnpei to manage and deliver the required activities for the research; and

WHEREAS, the Australian Government through its ICCAI has awarded the Federated States of Micronesia $452,000 to finance the research project to be conducted in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 210(2) of title 55 of the FSM Code, the President shall submit any agreement for the acceptance or receipt of foreign financial assistance to the Congress no later than the first regular or special session of Congress convened immediately subsequent to the execution of such agreement, for approval by resolution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2011, that the $452,000 grant from the Australian Government through its ICCAI program is hereby approved and accepted; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australian Government.

Date: 7/27/11

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper (by request)