RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting a $125,000 grant from the Nature Conservancy, for the purpose of funding the project of the Federated States of Micronesia entitled: “Technology of Tuna Transparency (T-3) Challenge”, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

WHEREAS, by the letter of the Nature Conservancy (TNC) date January 7, 2018, TNC agreed to provide a $125,000 grant to the Federated States of Micronesia as commitment on its part to the T-3 initiative that was launched by the Federated States of Micronesia during the Our Ocean’s Conference in Bali last year; and

WHEREAS, the T-3 initiative is recognizing the need for the tuna fishery to be managed sustainable, free from transnational crimes, and it is also aimed at addressing marine pollution; and

WHEREAS, a key component of the T-3 initiative is the robust fisheries data and monitoring, more specifically, electronic monitoring in combination with observer coverage for longline fishing vessels; and

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy is supporting the Federated States of Micronesia on this project by extending the grant described above to support the FSM National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) in implementing the commitment of the T-3 initiative; and
WHEREAS, section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, requires that for foreign financial assistance to be valid it must be approved by resolution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2019, that Congress hereby approves and accepts the $125,000 grant from the TNC, including all the terms and conditions thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of Federated States of Micronesia, the Executive Director of NORMA, the Secretary of Finance and Administration, and the Secretary of Justice.

Date: 1/15/19 Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper (by request)