

A RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting a grant in the amount of \$68,000 from the Chinese Taipei WCPFC Trust Fund, to fund the FSM's Monitoring and Assessment of By-Catch Program within the Purse Seine Fishery, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

1 WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management
2 Authority (NORMA) submitted a proposal for Monitoring and
3 Assessment of By-Catch within the Purse Seine Fishery of the
4 FSM; and

5 WHEREAS, the Chinese Taipei has agreed to provide a grant
6 from its WCPFC Trust Fund in the amount of \$68,000 to the
7 National Oceanic Resource management Authority (NORTMA) using
8 the Trust Fund within the WCPFC that Chinese Taipei has
9 established to support capacity building, research and
10 management projects; and

11 WHEREAS, the grant will fund a one-year program to
12 monitor, assess and collect data on by-catch by the purse seine
13 vessels transshipping in the FSM ports for NORMA to develop a
14 sustained by-catch monitoring program and to inform how the by-
15 catch could be better utilized for social needs, in terms of a
16 nutritional food source and economic benefits;

17 WHEREAS, section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the
18 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended,
19 provides that for an agreement on foreign financial assistance

1 to be valid it must be approved by Congress by resolution; now,
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth congress of the Federated
4 States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2017, that
5 Congress hereby approves and accepts the \$68,000 grant from
6 Chinese Taipei WCPFC Trust Fund to fund the FSM's Monitoring
7 and Assessment of By-Catch Program within the Purse Seine
8 Fishery, including all the terms and conditions thereof; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
10 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
11 States of Micronesia.

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13 Date: 12/8/17

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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