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.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, provides that for an agreement on foreign financial assistance
to be valid it must be approved by Congress by resolution; now, therefore, 

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2017, that Congress hereby approves and accepts the $68,000 grant from 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 thereof; and 

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

Date: 12/8/17

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

Florencio S. Harper (by request)