## A RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting a grant in the amount of \$5,850,000 from the U.S. Department of Interior to fund and support the implementation of activities relating to the East Micronesia Cable System Project to build an undersea cable to connect the State of Kosrae to the existing HANTRU - 1 cable located in Pohnpei, FSM, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

- 1 WHEREAS, on March 01, 2023, the U.S. Department of Interior
- 2 issued a Notice of Award in the amount of \$5,850,000 to the
- 3 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide
- 4 additional funding to the East Micronesia Cable System Project and
- 5 its related activities; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the grant will provide funding for the construction
- 7 of an undersea cable to connect the State of Kosrae to the
- 8 existing HANTRU-1 cable located in the State of Pohnpei to enable
- 9 faster, higher quality, and more reliable and secure
- 10 communications among these Micronesia countries; and
- 11 WHEREAS, section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the
- 12 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, requires
- 13 that for foreign financial assistance to be valid it must be
- 14 approved by Congress by resolution; and, therefore,
- 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated
- 16 States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2023, that Congress
- 17 hereby approves and accepts the grant of \$5,850,000 from the U.S.
- 18 Department of Interior to fund and support the implementation and

1 related activities of the East Micronesia Cable System Project, including all the terms and conditions thereof; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 3 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States 5 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, 6 Communications & Infrastructure, the Secretary of the Department 7 of Finance and Administration and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs. 9 10 Date: 4/6/23 Introduced by: /s/ for Joseph J. Urusemal Florencio S. Harper 11 (by request) 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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