A RESOLUTION

To approve and ratify the 2023 Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, to Amend the Compact of Free Association, as amended.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to law, the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) negotiated the Agreement Between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to Amend the Compact of Free Association, as amended (“2023 Amended Compact”);

2 WHEREAS, the JCRP also negotiated subsidiary agreements for the 2023 Amended Compact that have been concluded so far, as follows: Agreement Concerning Procedures for the Implementation of United States Economic Assistance Provided in the 2023 Amended Compact between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended (“2023 Fiscal Procedures Agreement”), and Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia Regarding the Compact Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the JCRP endorsed the negotiated agreement to the President and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and pursuant to full powers issued by the President, the Amended Compact was signed by the Chief Negotiator on behalf of and for the Federated States of Micronesia; and
WHEREAS, the 2023 Amended Compact is a treaty subject to the ratification powers of the FSM Congress; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 10 F.S.M.C. §402, amendments to the Compact shall be effected by two-thirds vote of the members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and a further approval by the majority of two-thirds of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be required if such an amendment delegates a major power or major powers of Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to another government, or whenever there is a substantial reduction in any Compact benefit, even if the reduction is accompanied by any form of compensation; and

WHEREAS, taking into consideration that the 2023 Amendment Compact does not involve delegation of a major power or substantial reduction of Compact benefits, no further approval by the State Legislatures shall be required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Twenty-Third Congress wishes to convey its profound appreciation to the United States Government and to the JCRP team for their hard work and cooperation that resulted in the conclusion of the 2023 Amended Compact; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2023, that the 2023 Amended Compact is hereby approved and ratified; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, all Cabinet Members, the Governor of each state of the Nation and the United States Embassy in Kolonia.

Date: 7/7/23

Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence

Quincy Lawrence (by request)