

A RESOLUTION

Approving the 2003/2004 agreement between the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Federation of Japan Tuna Fisheries Co-operative Association, National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association of Japan and Japan Far Seas Purse Seine Fishing Association, Concerning the Supply of Goods and Services for the Development of Fisheries of the Federated States of Micronesia for the Period from 10th August 2003 to 9th August, 2004.

1 WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority
2 ("NORMA") has submitted for approval by Congress the Agreement
3 between the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the
4 Federation of Japan Tuna Fisheries Co-operative Association,
5 National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association of Japan and Japan
6 Far Seas Purse Seine Fishing Association (together the
7 "Organizations") Concerning the Supply of Goods and Services for
8 the Development of Fisheries of the Federated States of Micronesia
9 for the period from August 10th, 2003 to August 9th, 2004 (the
10 "Agreement"); and

11 WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for goods and services for
12 the development of the fisheries of the Federated States of
13 Micronesia for the period from August 10th, 2003 to August 9th,
14 2004, in the total amount of ¥37 million (\$339,000 at current
15 exchange rates), the precise nature of which shall be determined
16 by NORMA in consultation with the Organizations; and

17 WHEREAS, it has been the practice of Congress to distribute
18 the entire award of goods and services to one state on an annual

1 rotational basis; and

2 WHEREAS, this Agreement will mark the beginning of the fourth
3 rotation among the states and the Authority proposes that Chuuk
4 State shall be the recipient of the 2003/2004 goods and services;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, section 210(2)(a) of title 55 of the Code of the
7 Federated States of Micronesia provides that no agreement
8 providing for foreign assistance, including "foreign in-kind
9 assistance", shall be valid prior to Congressional approval by
10 resolution; now, therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2004, that the
13 Congress hereby approves the Agreement between the National
14 Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Federation of Japan
15 Tuna Fisheries Co-operative Association, National Offshore Tuna
16 Fisheries Association of Japan and Japan Far Seas Purse Seine
17 Fishing Association and further approves distributions of the
18 Goods and Services received thereunder to Chuuk State for coastal
19 fisheries development projects;

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States

1 of Micronesia, the Executive Director of NORMA, and the Governor
2 of Chuuk State.

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6 ADOPTED: June 2, 2004

Peter M. Christian
Speaker
FSM Congress

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ATTEST: _____

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress

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