

A RESOLUTION

To approve a sum of \$452,000 from the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia to assist the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to carry out a research-based project on impacts of climate change on food crops in the islands and outer islands of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, in 2008 the Food and Agriculture Organization of
2 the United Nations declared that climate change was the single
3 most important factor affecting the stability of food supplies;
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5 WHEREAS, the islands and coastal communities of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia are part of the Pacific region
7 vulnerable to the adverse effects and impacts of climate
8 change; and

9 WHEREAS, food security and availability are essential
10 aspects of the well-being and survival of the FSM citizens; and

11 WHEREAS, there is a need to research the effect of
12 climate change on food availability and security in the islands
13 of the Federated States of Micronesia and to develop adjustment
14 and adaptation strategies; and

15 WHEREAS, as part of the Australian Government's
16 International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative (ICCAI), the
17 Pacific Adaptation Strategy Assistance Program (PASAP) aims to
18 assist the development of evidence-based adaptation strategies
19 to inform robust long-term national planning and decision

1 making in partner countries like the Federated States of
2 Micronesia; and

3 WHEREAS, the Office of Environment and Emergency
4 Management (OEEM) submitted a proposal at an ICCAI workshop in
5 March 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, the PASAP will establish a partnership between
7 the FSM OEEM Project Office, the SPC North Pacific Regional
8 Office (SPC NPRO), and the College of Micronesia-FSM
9 Cooperative Research and Extension (COM FSM CRE) Office in
10 Pohnpei to manage and deliver the required activities for the
11 research; and

12 WHEREAS, the Australian Government through its ICCAI has
13 awarded the Federated States of Micronesia \$452,000 to finance
14 the research project to be conducted in the Federated States of
15 Micronesia; and

16 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 210(2) of title 55 of the
17 FSM Code, the President shall submit any agreement for the
18 acceptance or receipt of foreign financial assistance to the
19 Congress no later than the first regular or special session of
20 Congress convened immediately subsequent to the execution of
21 such agreement, for approval by resolution; now, therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the
23 Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2011,
24 that the \$452,000 grant from the Australian Government through
25 its ICCAI program is hereby approved and accepted; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia and the Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australian
4 Government.

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6 Date: 7/27/11

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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