SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2009

C.R. NO. 16-21

A RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting the AUD\$52,679 financial Grant from the Government of Australia to provide additional funding for the life extension program for FSS Micronesia. 1 WHEREAS, most of the costs for the life extension program of FSS Micronesia have been assumed by the Australian Government, 2 while FSM National Government needed only to put up USD\$80,000; 3 and 4 5 WHEREAS, efforts had been exerted to identify funding and requests made to utilize public project funds, but produced no 6 7 favorable results; and 8 WHEREAS, because the patrol boat had been sitting in a 9 shipyard in Australia without sufficient funding for its completion, the Government of FSM applied to the Government of 10 11 Australia for financial assistance to save the program; and 12 WHEREAS, the FSM received a diplomatic note dated June 25, 13 2009 from the Australian Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei notifying FSM Department of Foreign Affairs of a decision of the Australian 14 Government to provide the requested financial assistance; and 15 16 WHEREAS, title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, section 210(2) requires foreign financial assistance 17 18 to be approved by Congress by resolution; now, therefore, 19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2009, that the 20

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1 AUD\$52,679 financial Grant from the Government of Australia is hereby approved and accepted; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is grateful and appreciative to the Government of Australia for the benevolent assistance and gesture of good governmental relationship; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Government of Australia. Date: <u>8/31/09</u> Introduced by: <u>/s/ Joe N. Suka</u> Joe N. Suka by request