A RESOLUTION

Approving the Access Fishing Agreement between the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Purse Seine Boat-owners and Exporters Association.

1. WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Purse Seine Boat-owners and Exporters Association (Association) have concluded an agreement concerning access of foreign fishing vessels in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM); and

2. WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 405 of Title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, said Agreement is required to be approved by Congress to be effective; and

3. WHEREAS, the Agreement covers thirty-two (32) purse seine vessels with a provision for an additional two (2) vessels to join the fleet in the future for a maximum of 34 vessels to be licensed to fish in the FSM EEZ; and

4. WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for financial benefits to accrue to the FSM in the form of access fees; and

5. WHEREAS, the Agreement contains all the required minimum terms and conditions for access including in conformity with regional and international requirements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2009, that the
agreement between NORMA and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Purse Seine Boat-owners and Exporters Association executed on April 23, 2009 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Executive Director of the National Oceanic Resource Management Agency.

Date: 5/18/09

Introduced by: /s/ Roger S. Mori

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