A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to enter negotiations with the Government of the People’s Republic of China for a concessional loan to fund fisheries infrastructure in the four States.

WHEREAS, the Government of the People’s Republic of China has indicated its willingness and ability to provide a concessionary (“soft”) loan to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia for the rehabilitation of shore-side fisheries infrastructure, processing infrastructure, and related infrastructure requirements in the four States; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the National Government and the leadership of the four State Governments have indicated a desire to seek such a loan to fund fisheries infrastructure projects, given the concessionary nature of such a loan and the historical practices of the Government of the People’s Republic of China in working with borrowing governments to consider necessary adjustments due to unforeseen project difficulties or broader macro-economic distress; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2010, that Congress authorizes the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to enter negotiations with the Government of the People’s Republic of China on behalf of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia for a concessional loan to funds fisheries infrastructure in the four States; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, notwithstanding its delegation of authority to the President to undertake such negotiations, Congress reserves the authority to approve any loan agreement, and no agreement shall become effective until approved by statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Governor of the State of Chuuk; the Governor of the State of Kosrae; the Governor of the State of Pohnpei; and the Governor of the State of Yap.

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