A RESOLUTION

Approving, accepting and ratifying the agreement on, and receipt of, grant assistance from the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Compact Desertification in the amount of $90,000, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

WHEREAS, the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Compact Desertification (UNCCD Secretariat) extended to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia a grant assistance in the amount of $90,000 (the “Grant”) as evidenced by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the parties on February 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Grant is to fund a specific project as proposed by the Government of the Federated State of Micronesia in November 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Grant explicitly provides a particular purpose thereof which the project proposal submitted by the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Grant is critical to the success of the rehabilitation program in the Federated States of Micronesia, in fact, the first installment payment in the amount of $54,000 has been received by the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia after signing of the MOU; and

WHEREAS, section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia provides that for an agreement on foreign financial assistance to be valid it must be approved by
Congress by resolution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2009, that the $90,000 financial Grant from the UNCCD Secretariat, including the terms and conditions thereof, is hereby approved, accepted and ratified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is grateful and appreciative to the UNCCD Secretariat for the benevolent assistance; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Date: 10/03/09

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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(by request)