

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere appreciation of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to Mr. Shoji Sato for his dedication to a strong friendship and partnership between the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Japan as the Former Ambassador of Japan to the FSM and Executive Director of the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation.

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Shoji Sato was appointed as Resident Ambassador
2 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Federated States
3 of Micronesia, strengthening the friendship and partnership
4 between the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Japan during
5 his service as Ambassador from June 24, 2008, until his retirement
6 in 2011; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Shoji Sato as the Ambassador of Japan played a
8 critical role in increasing technical assistance support from the
9 Government of Japan and its affiliated agencies to the FSM; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Shoji Sato demonstrated his commitment to
11 building bridges of cultural understanding between the FSM and
12 Japan with his extraordinary efforts to learn the Pohnpeian
13 language as a proud long-term resident of Pohnpei, service as a
14 special adviser to the Friends of the College of Micronesia-FSM
15 Board, and concrete actions to support capacity building related
16 projects including supporting a infrastructure grant to build the
17 Chuuk Women's Council office; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Shoji Sato received the respect and friendship
19 of FSM national, state and traditional leaders for his
20 distinguishable service to supporting the FSM and larger Pacific

1 region development of sustainable industries and tourism, and
2 significantly expanded major projects in renewables, water
3 resources and recycling throughout his diplomatic career and as
4 the Executive Director of the Association for Promotion of
5 International Cooperation (APIC); and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Shoji Sato initiated generous scholarship
7 programs for student graduating from Xavier High School in Chuuk
8 to attend Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, and helped to
9 establish a Young Micronesian Leaders Tour program in Japan where
10 Mr. Sato introduced many promising FSM high school scholars to
11 Japan as the Executive Director of the Association for Promotion
12 of International Cooperation; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Shoji Sato has recently retired as Executive
14 Director of the Association for Promotion of International
15 Cooperation after over 10 years of dedication to the Association;
16 now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2024, that Congress
19 hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Shoji Sato for
20 his selfless service to the cause of friendship between the
21 Federated States of Micronesia and Japan; and

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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 Former Ambassador Shoji Sato.

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5 Date: 1/17/24

Introduced by: /s/ Perpetua S. Konman
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