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A RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting grant in the amount of \$68,000 from the Special Requirement Fund (SRF) of the Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), to fund the FSM's Monitoring and Assessment of By-catch Program for the Purse Seine Fishery, including all the term and conditions of the assistance.

1           WHEREAS, the developed Contracting Commission Member (CCM)  
2 states have established a Trust Fund within the WCPFC to  
3 support capacity building, research and management projects;  
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5           WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management  
6 Authority (NORMA) submitted a proposal of Monitoring and  
7 Assessment of By-Catch within the Purse Seine Fishery of the  
8 FSM; and

9           WHEREAS, a grant from the SRF in the amount of \$68,000 has  
10 been approved to be provided to NORMA; and

11           WHEREAS, the grant will fund a one-year program to  
12 monitor, assess and collect data on by-catch by the purse seine  
13 vessels transshipping in the FSM ports for NORMA, to develop a  
14 sustained by-catch monitoring program and to inform how the by-  
15 catch could be better utilized for social needs, in terms of a  
16 nutritional food source and economic benefits; and

17           WHEREAS, section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the  
18 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended,  
19 provides that for an agreement on foreign financial assistance

1 to be valid it must be approved by Congress by resolution; now,  
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated  
4 States of Micronesia, Seventh Special Session, 2019, that  
5 Congress hereby approves and accepts the \$68,000 grant from the  
6 SRF to fund FSM's Monitoring and Assessing of By-catch Program  
7 for the Purse Seine Fishery, including all the terms and  
8 conditions thereof; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
10 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
11 States of Micronesia.

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13 Date: 3/7/19

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper  
(by request)

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