

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato for his friendship and support of the Federated States of Micronesia while serving as President of the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation.

1 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, during a long
2 and distinguished career in the diplomatic service of Japan,
3 served his country with distinction in many of the capitals of the
4 worlds largest and most powerful nations, and

5 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, ended his
6 career in Japan's diplomatic service as Ambassador to The People's
7 Republic of China, one of the most critical and sensitive posts
8 that a diplomat in service to Japan can be assigned, and

9 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, upon his
10 retirement from Japan's diplomatic corps, was asked to serve as
11 President of the Tokyo-based Foundation, the Association for
12 Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), which is
13 responsible for nurturing close ties between Japan and the nations
14 of Oceania and the Caribbean, and

15 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, as President of
16 APIC, has overseen the development of numerous programs and
17 initiatives that have strengthening ties between Japan and the
18 Federated States of Micronesia, and

1 WHEREAS, those programs and initiatives have been as varied
2 as assistance to provide potable water supplies to hard-hit areas
3 of the FSM, sponsorship of visits to Japan by up-and-coming
4 leaders from business, civil society and the business communities,
5 and helps fund full-ride undergraduate and graduate scholarships
6 to Sophia University in Tokyo for promising students from the FSM,
7 Palau and the Marshall Islands; and

8 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato has visited the
9 FSM on numerous occasions to assess first-hand how best to focus
10 the significant resources available to APIC that could benefit the
11 citizens of the FSM; and

12 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato has on more
13 occasions than can be counted extended his personal hospitality
14 and friendship to scores of FSM citizens who had the opportunity
15 to spend time in Japan; now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Congress of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2021, that Congress hereby
18 offers the heart-felt thanks of a grateful nation to His
19 Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato for his indefatigable support and
20 friendship offered to the FSM and its citizens during his long and
21 successful tenure as President of APIC, and which recently came to
22 an end with his retirement, and

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be
2 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
3 and His Excellency John Fritz, FSM Ambassador to Japan, for
4 personal delivery to His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato.

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6 Date: 12/13/21

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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