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RESOLUTION

To express heartfelt sympathies on behalf of the People and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the People and the Government of the Republic of China, Taiwan (ROC) for the loss of lives, homes and properties due to the devastation of the earthquake that struck the Southern Taiwanese City of Tainan.

WHEREAS on February 6, 2016 at 3:57 am, an earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4 struck the Southern Taiwanese City of Tainan, Taiwan; and

WHEREAS the earthquake struck at a depth of around 14 miles having a very maximum intensity of total 68 after-shocks and is the deadliest earthquake since the 1921 earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake causes a widespread damage to homes, properties and jobs, deaths to families and friends, and many were trapped in collapsed buildings, where over 300 were rescued, and as many as 104 were taken to hospitals; and

WHEREAS a total of more than 500 people were injured, 116 have died and at least 23 historical buildings were damaged from the disaster that struck during one of the most important family holiday in the Chinese calendar, the Lunar New Year holiday; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that the Nitijela on behalf of the People and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands express sympathies towards the People and the Government of the Republic of China, Taiwan (ROC) for the many people who lost their lives and the many who have been affected by the 2016 Taiwan earthquake; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela at its 37th Constitutional Regular Session, 2016, that the
Nitijelah hereby expresses its sympathies to the People and the Government of the Republic of China Taiwan (ROC) for the many lives, homes and properties lost and to many others who have been affected by the 2016 Taiwan earthquake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon certification, the Minister of Foreign Affairs transmits a copy of the certified Resolution to the Government of Republic of China Taiwan (ROC).

Date: __February 17, 2016____  Introduced by:

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Min. John Silk  Signature

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Sen. Maynard Alfred  Signature