Resolution No. 26-GA-04, CD1

"Calling on all APIL member entities to cooperate by collecting and sharing information and observations on ways to prevent and mitigate the effects of global warming of our atmosphere."

WHEREAS, although global temperatures fluctuate naturally over the past 50 years, the average global temperature has increased at the fastest rate in recorded history in the last few decades; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence strongly suggests that the trend is accelerating; and

WHEREAS, the 10 hottest years on record have all occurred since 1990, and scientists say that unless we curb global warming emissions, average temperatures could be three to nine degrees higher by the end of the century; and

WHEREAS, global warming is a complex phenomenon and its full-scale impacts are hard to predict far in advance; and

WHEREAS, each year scientists learn more about how global warming is affecting the planet and many agree that certain consequences are likely to occur if current trends continue; and

WHEREAS, among these:

➤ Melting glaciers, early snowmelt and severe droughts will cause more dramatic water shortages;

➤ Rising sea levels will lead to coastal flooding;

➤ Warmer sea surface temperatures will fuel more intense typhoons and hurricanes in the Pacific region;

➤ Forests, farms and cities will face troublesome new pests and more mosquito-borne diseases;

➤ Disruption of habitats such as coral reefs and forests could drive many plant and animal species to extinction; and

WHEREAS, many of global warming’s effects are already being observed and felt globally; and

WHEREAS, we can increase our reliance on renewable energy sources such as wind, sun and geothermal energies, and further reduce pollution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 26th General Assembly Conference, held in American Samoa on June 21-23, 2007, that the APIL shall join hands and share information on ways to prevent further the gradual global warming of our atmosphere; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a task force will be created to compile data of affects of global
warming, and report the results at the next APIL Board of Directors meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall
attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Presiding
Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all members of the Association of Pacific Island
Legislatures.


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