Resolution No. 27-GA-11, CD1

"Expressing the strong support of the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislature for the efforts of the island of Guam to pursue self-determination"

WHEREAS, the United Nations, founded in 1945, was established upon the
principals of equal rights, human dignity, and self determination of all people; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Charter states that the interest of the inhabitants of
the Non-Self Governing Territories, whose people have not yet attained a full measure of
self-government, is paramount; and

WHEREAS, the administering powers who signed the United Nations Charter
accepted as a sacred trust the obligation to promote to the utmost the well-being of the
Territories under their administration; and

WHEREAS, United Nations Resolution 1514 states that any attempt at the partial or
total disruption of the national unity and territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with
the purposes and principles of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, Guam remains one of the sixteen Non-Self Governing Territories, and
Guam’s administering power, the United States of America, has the moral and legal
obligation to allow for the exercise of the right of self-determination and to ensure the
economic, social, and cultural well being of the Chamorro people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27th General
Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, that member jurisdictions of APIL are
encouraged to promote and support the decolonization of Guam and the Chamorro right to
self-determination as a means of promoting peace, justice, and quality of life for the Pacific
island community as a whole; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this encouragement for action is taken in recognition of the fundamental and inherent rights of all indigenous island peoples; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures certifies, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Governor of Guam; to the Speaker of the Guam Legislature; to Congresswoman Madeline Bordallo; to the Western Governors' Association, to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the APIL jurisdictions, and to such other officials and organizations as the President of the APIL deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2008.

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APIL PRESIDENT

WILLIAM NGIRAIELAU
APIL SECRETARY