Resolution No. 27-GA-16

"Expressing the sincere gratitude of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the National Association of Conservation Districts and each of the voting states, territories, and commonwealths of that association for their support and vote to include the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Territory of American Samoa in the National Association of Conservation Districts."

WHEREAS, pursuant to the support of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures in its Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors at its 48th Meeting in Tofol, FSM State of Kosrae, on November 26-27, 2007, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Territory of American Samoa have been granted full voting membership at the National Association of Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this voting representation will be tremendous for the island communities of the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, given the importance within the region and the value of protecting the soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the governments of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are grateful to the delegation from the various island districts who traveled to Nevada and advocated for the inclusion of the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Territory of American Samoa in the National Association of Conservation Districts; and
WHEREAS, the governments of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are grateful to the representatives in Nevada who voted in support of the inclusion of the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Territory of American Samoa in the National Association of Conservation Districts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27th General Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures does hereby express its sincere gratitude to the National Association of Conservation Districts and each of the voting states, territories, and commonwealths of that association for their support and vote to include the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Territory of American Samoa in the National Association of Conservation Districts; 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 President of the National Association of Conservation Districts and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and Chief Executives of each of the APIL member jurisdictions.

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

SABINO SAUCHOMAL
APIL PRESIDENT

WILLIAM NGIRAIKELAU
APIL SECRETARY