Resolution No. 28-GA-09

“Requesting the leadership of the Federated States of Micronesia to support efforts by the College of Micronesia-FSM to supply trained personnel for the military build-up on Guam.”

1. WHEREAS, a U.S. Military Build-up is starting on Guam; and
2. WHEREAS, Guam projects a need for 17,000 temporary workers to implement
3. this U.S. Military Build-up; and
4. WHEREAS, the Compact jurisdictions of Micronesia are in a favored position to
5. supply temporary workers because of their proximity to Guam, their similarity in
6. indigenous culture, their significant available labor pool, and their unrestricted entry into
7. the U.S. under their respective Compacts; and
8. WHEREAS, the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) has recognized the
9. opportunity presented by this military build-up and is offering courses in technology and
10. trade programs, including carpentry, building maintenance and repair, refrigeration and
11. air conditioning, cabinet and furniture making, construction, electricity, electronic
12. engineering, and others; and
13. WHEREAS, such technology and trade programs are supplemented with courses
14. in English, Mathematics, Computer Skills and Entrepreneurial Skills; and
WHEREAS, the military build-up will overflow into job creation in other fields, including office skills, public health jobs, hospitality and tourism positions, school teachers for the young dependents of military personnel, and many others; and

WHEREAS, it behooves the leadership of the FSM to support the efforts of COM-FSM in providing additional courses, additional trained faculty and support personnel, and adequate physical facilities so that COM-FSM may do its part in raising the educational level of Micronesians and providing satisfying careers for its graduates; and

WHEREAS, any resources committed by the FSM leadership will pay great dividends in the quality of life of the FSM population, in remittances returned to the home islands, and in satisfaction to the leadership for an important job well done; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the member jurisdictions of the 28th General Assembly of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, held in Pohnpei from June 9-11, 2009, hereby support and endorse the aforesaid efforts of COM-FSM, and beseech the leadership of the Federated States of Micronesia to put their full support behind such efforts, particularly by being unstinting in their funding of such efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures shall certify, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that copies thereupon be transmitted
to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, to the Speaker of the Congress of
the Federated States of Micronesia, to the President of the College of Micronesia-FSM,
and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all members
of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

Duly and regularly adopted on the 11th day of June, 2009.

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