Resolution No. 31-GA-11

"Relative to requesting the Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit (MCES) to adopt and promulgate the Blue Continent Free Trade Agreement to assist the advancement of APIL and MCES member island economies."

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), an assembly of elected legislative representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands, now more than ever, continues to see the need to equitably, peaceably, and judiciously establish, maintain, and promote the economic, political, and social advancement of our peoples; and

WHEREAS, the APIL adopted and further affirmed their united position relative to strengthening our Pacific peoples and governments through trade and economic accords that mutually benefit APIL member nations and territories through the passage of two resolutions that call for member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to facilitate, encourage and promote free trade among island countries and states in the Pacific Region (Resolution No. 51-BOD-03 adopted on December 03, 2010) and relative to establishing the Blue Continent Free Trade Agreement between the governments of the participating states and territories who are members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (Resolution No. 52-BOD-01, CD1 adopted on November 16-17, 2011); and
WHEREAS, the APIL acknowledges and appreciates the noble role of the Micronesia
Chief Executives' Summit (MCES) whose mission, in part, is to coordinate and implement
regional strategies to assist its member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the APIL acknowledges and appreciates the distinct role of governors,
 presidents, and other chief executives within each of the respective member jurisdictions to
implement and enforce law and policy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 31st General
Assembly, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23, 2012, that the APIL
formally and respectfully calls upon the members of the Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit
(MCES) to also adopt and promulgate free trade initiatives for the mutual benefit of APIL and
MCES member jurisdiction island economies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies be transmitted to the Chief
Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of
Pacific Island Legislatures and to the current chair of the Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit
(MCES).

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2012.

REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT

CHANG WILLIAM
ACTING SECRETARY