Resolution No. 31-GA-19

“Expressing appreciation of the 31st General Assembly of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) to all the Presenters for the informative and thorough presentation to the Assembly.”

1. **WHEREAS,** the theme for the 31st General Assembly of APIL is “Economic Development: Strengthening Local Economies throughout the Blue Continent”; and

2. **WHEREAS,** Mr. Vincent Tafilelau, Sales and Marketing Manager spoke of Yap’s tourism industry, and

3. **WHEREAS,** Mr. Grant Ismael, General Manager of the Kosrae Visitors Bureau presented on the challenges and opportunities that exist in Kosrae; and

4. **WHEREAS,** Mr. Perry Tenorio, Managing Director of the Marianas Visitors Authority presented on the tourism industry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; and

5. **WHEREAS,** Ms. Joann Camacho, General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau presented on the tourism industry on the island of Guam and the importance of the internet and social networking sites to the travel industry; and

6. **WHEREAS,** Mr. Quentin Koch, Director, Sales and Marketing- Guam and Micronesia for United Airlines, in his presentation, reassured the APIL Members on United’s commitment to providing reliable services throughout Micronesia”; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Gerry Perez, President, Micronesian Cruise Association (MCA), talked about “Micronesia as an Emerging Regional Cruise Industry Opportunity”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ittel, Partner & VP of Ports and Maritime Division, Bermello, Ajami & Partners, Inc. presented new and valuable information on “Creating the Policy Framework for a Viable Cruise Industry”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Sampson, President, Digital Society Foundation presented on “Underpinning Economic Development in a Digital Age: Connecting the Blue Continent”; and

WHEREAS, Senator Glenn Wakai, President, Reach Out Pacific (REPAC) made a presentation on contributions to various member states of books, linen, toys, and other supplies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mel Catalma General Manager, Saipan Aquaculture and Mr. Tony Pelligrino both made a presentation on “Aquaculture” and how the CNMI is recognized as a major producer of shrimp and broodstock world-wide; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Ogo, Aquaculture Specialist & Program Leader of the Aquaculture & Fisheries Program, from NMC CREES presented on “Agriculture/Open Cage”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Seman, Acting Director, DLNR, Division of Fish & Wildlife presented on “Fisheries” and displayed interesting images of local recreation and commercial fishing; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Richmond, Research Professor, University of Hawaii’s Kewalo Marine Laboratory and Dr. Meg Caldwell, Executive Director, Center for Ocean Solutions both presented “What Every Pacific Island Leader should know about Climate Change”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven Kuartei, President, Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) and Dr. Greg Dever, Regional Human Resources for Health Coordinator, (PIHOA) both presented “NCDs and the proposed MCES, APIL, and Traditional Leaders NCD Law and Policy Summit”; and

WHEREAS, all the above mentioned Presenters provided the 31st APIL General Assembly with an informative and thorough presentation on the programs available and being developed which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; 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 members of the APIL General Assembly do hereby express their sincere appreciation to all the Presenters for the fine and informative presentations given; 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 respective Presenters, namely: Mr. Vincent Tafileluw, Mrs. Joann Camacho, Mr. Grant Ismael, Mr. Perry
Tenorio, Mr. Quentin Koch, Mr. Gerry Perez, Mr. Mark Ittel, Mr. Chris Sampson, Mr. Mel Catalma, Mr. Tony Pelligrino, Mr. Michael Ogo, Mr. Richard Seman, Dr. Robert Richmond, Dr. Meg Caldwell, Senator Glenn Wakai, Dr. Greg Dever, Dr. Steven Kuarbei and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

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

REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT

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ACTING SECRETARY