A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 32-GA-02

“Encouraging the member governments of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to support the efforts of member states to establish a fiber optic communication infrastructure for the advancement of national development.”

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General Assembly Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 25-27, 2013, finds that this era has often been called the “Information Age”, “Digital Age”, or “Digital Revolution”, and as the internet and the advancement of information communication technology has massively expanded, the accessibility and availability of information has significantly enhanced information sharing; and

WHEREAS, the world’s growing dependence on information communication technology for commerce and social interaction has created a demand for speed and efficiency in communication, and the advancement of information communication technology has permitted the world community to freely interact and exchange information; and

WHEREAS, some APIL members states currently have existing internet bandwidth that is technically inadequate to meet the growing demand for bandwidth, particularly broadband internet connectivity, in contrast to the capabilities of APIL member states that have installed fiber optic cables; and

WHEREAS, broadband internet connectivity is essential to the future expansion of APIL member states’ economies and the improvement of the educational and medical services provided to the people of the member states; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a fiber optic communication infrastructure for member states that lack such an infrastructure is critical to strengthening the bonds between the member countries of the Pacific Islands, because with improved information technology communication the bond between and among our countries will become stronger through efficient information sharing and communication; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General Assembly, Honolulu Hawaii, June 25-27, 2013, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby encourages the member entities of the APIL to support the efforts of member states to establish a fiber optic communication infrastructure for the advancement of national development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT E.D.D. PRESIDENT

CHANG B. WILLIAM SECRETARY