A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 32-GA-04

“Encouraging the member governments of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to take measures to implement renewable energy projects and establish national energy frameworks, to seek assistance in establishing renewable energy programs, and to communicate with other member governments about their successes and challenges in developing renewable energy projects.”

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General Assembly Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 25-27, 2013, finds that the use of fossil fuels to meet energy demands imposes a heavy economic cost on Pacific island nations that import all their fossil fuels and exposes those nations to price fluctuations, and, in addition, contributes to the production of greenhouse gasses that exacerbate climate change; and

WHEREAS, the realization of a sustainable energy future depends on extracting energy from renewable sources, including the sun, wind, rain, and tides, thereby easing the transition away from dependence on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, APIL member states have been successful in implementing renewable energy projects as part of an overall program of increasing efficiency in energy use and have been able to develop their respective private sectors; and

WHEREAS, APIL member states’ programs of energy efficiency and renewable energy are nascent and require additional budgetary resources as well as an increased governmental commitment in order for such programs to see continued success that may include the creation of a national framework to lay the foundation for the development of a comprehensive energy policy; and
WHEREAS, APIL member states have received assistance from numerous sources including the European Union, the governments of Australia, Italy and Austria that has helped these states to pursue energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and such assistance has been crucial to developing energy efficiency and renewable energy programs; and

WHEREAS, because the establishment of renewable energy projects presents an important issue for small nations, communication between Pacific island nations about successes and challenges in pursuing and implementing renewable energy projects will benefit each member nation; 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 seek international consulting assistance in creating frameworks, establishing national energy policies, evaluating existing policies, creating renewable energy projects, and sharing information with other member entities regarding the successes and the challenges relating to establishing renewable energy projects and policies; 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 ED.D.
PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY