A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 34-GA-12

"Expressing the gratitude of the APIL to the Pew Charitable Trusts, especially its representatives both here in the region and at its headquarters in Washington DC, for the tremendous assistance extended to our governments and our NGO’s in protecting the shark populations of the APIL Pacific, and humbly resolving within the APIL and respectfully recommending to Pew that this Association be formally recognized as a partner with Pew in our mutual efforts to preserve, protect and conserve the natural beauty and biological diversity of our oceans, reefs, waters, and lands.”

WHEREAS, ever since 1974, the Pew Charitable Trusts has been working to strengthen environmental policies and practices around the world to produce significant and measurable results, and in so doing Pew has supported scientific research to increase understanding of environmental issues; has designed policy solutions to specific problems; and has worked with Pew partners to protect both land and oceans; and

WHEREAS, Pew is working worldwide to protect sharks, tuna, forage fish, penguins and other species of marine life, as well as the habitats they rely upon for food and shelter; and

WHEREAS, in protecting the world’s oceans, Pew focuses primarily on halting overfishing and illegal fishing, creating marine reserves, and reforming ocean governance; and

WHEREAS, Pew works with its partners to protect the planet’s most important and biologically diverse places for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in protecting the world’s environments from climate change and global warming, Pew advocates for policies that foster innovations in clean energy through expanded research and development; and
WHEREAS, while Pew has been active in the Pacific region for many years, Pew first came to the formal attention of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures during the Association’s 30th General Assembly held in the Republic of Palau in 2011, during which Assembly representatives of Pew enthusiastically advocated for the creation of a regional network of shark sanctuaries through the enactment of legislation in each of the APIL member jurisdictions dedicated to the conservation of shark species; and

WHEREAS, through repeated appearances at APIL assemblies and board meetings and through the conduct of workshops for concerned government officials and NGO representatives, Pew and their local partners have been instrumental in the passage and enforcement of legislation throughout the APIL Pacific region resulting in the realization of the largest contiguous network of shark sanctuaries in the world known as the “Micronesia Regional Shark Sanctuary” which includes the 12 laws or regulations of the following jurisdictions: the State of Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Territory of Guam, the Territory of American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the FSM State of Pohnpei, the FSM State of Yap, the FSM State of Kosrae, the FSM State of Chuuk, and the Republic of Kiribati; and

WHEREAS, the APIL recognizes and applauds Pew for its unceasing efforts in conserving shark populations in the Pacific, and now looks to them for assistance in solving other environmental issues affecting our region, including the health of our oceans, reefs and lagoons, our mangrove wetlands, our rainforest highlands, and our indigenous flora and fauna; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 34th General Assembly, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses its gratitude to the Pew Charitable Trusts, its representatives both here in the region and at its headquarters in Washington DC,
especially Angelo Villagomez and Carlotta Leon Guerrero, for the tremendous assistance
extended to our governments and NGO’s in protecting our shark populations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Association of Pacific Island
Legislatures humbly resolves for itself and respectfully recommends to the Pew
Charitable Trusts that this Association be formally recognized as a partner with Pew in
our mutual efforts to preserve, protect and conserve the natural beauty and biological
diversity of our oceans, reefs, waters and lands; 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
thereafter be transmitted to the President and CEO of the Pew Charitable Trusts, to each
of the representatives of the Pew Charitable Trusts present and supporting our work at the
34th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, and to the Chief
Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the
Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2015.**

KENNETH A. KEDI  
**PRESIDENT**

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**SECRETARY**

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