A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 34-GA-15

"Reaffirming the declarations on Climate Change by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that foster cooperation among Pacific Island countries by calling on APIL member states and entities to continue to press for the reduction of greenhouse gases globally."

WHEREAS, we, the assembled delegates of the 34th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), wish to express to the world our perception of the real threats that climate change now pose to the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being and security of the Pacific Island states; and

WHEREAS, we further wish to identify publicly the current slow-pace of efforts and commitments to tackle climate change, and the lack of positive responses to public calls to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to ensure the survival of the human species; and

WHEREAS, efforts are currently underway toward a final agreement among nations, first agreed and begun in 1992, under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which is due to be completed by December 2015; and

WHEREAS, continuing negotiations for the UNFCCC include adapting to the impact of climate change and financing to assist lower-income countries, inclusive of the APIL states; however, the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) remain an undecided issue; and

WHEREAS, these and further details of climate change have been published by US Congressional Research Service (CRS) Report R44092 on July 1,
2015, entitled “Greenhouse Gas Pledges by Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change”, among other CRS publications referenced therein; and

WHEREAS, we, the assembled delegates of the APIL, wish to highlight again past declarations of Pacific Leaders for strong political commitments on the subjects of climate change and climate leadership in the Pacific Region; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Island Forum leaders have before called upon all leaders, including the leaders of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures member states, to further support and increase efforts to reduce and phase-out greenhouse gas pollution; and

WHEREAS, in our 33rd General Assembly held in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in July of 2014, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted Resolution No. 33-GA-06 in which the APIL expressed our support and the commitment of the Association of the Pacific Islands Legislatures to the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership; and

WHEREAS, in our 55th Board of Directors meeting held in the State of Yap in January of 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. 55-BOD-03 in which the APIL Board gave special recognition to Ms. Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for her appearance at the United Nations Climate Leaders Summit in September of 2014, and thanked this remarkable spokeswoman from our region for bringing the message of climate change up to a level that not only Pacific Islanders, but families around the World can understand and can take to heart; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has over at least a decade and a half adopted similar resolutions placing emphasis on the catastrophic consequences of climate change on these islands of the Pacific; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the 34th General Assembly Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that this Assembly hereby reaffirms our declarations on climate change that foster cooperation among Pacific Island countries by calling on APIL member states and entities to continue to press for the reduction of greenhouse gases globally; 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 Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY