Resolution No. 35-GA-03

“Expressing the appreciation of the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) to all the Presenters for their fine, informative, and thorough presentations to the Assembly.”

1. WHEREAS, the theme for the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), held on the Island of Guam from June 1 to June 3, 2016, is “Strengthening Our Past and Uniting Our Blue Continent;” and

2. WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President, Federated States of Micronesia, spoke on “Keeping the Spirit of Unity Throughout Micronesia;” and

3. WHEREAS, Mr. Geoff Bowmaker, Chief Executive Officer of Nauru Airlines, presented on the “Services Throughout Micronesia and the Pacific Region;” and

4. WHEREAS, Mr. Ernie Galito, Secretariat, Micronesian Cruise Association, presented on the “Status of the Cruise Line Industry in the Region;” and

5. WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Flynn, Regional Director for the Pacific-Asia Travel Association (PATA), spoke on issues relating to “Airlines and Regional Tourism;” and

6. WHEREAS, Mr. Angelo O’Connor Villagomez, Officer, Global Ocean Legacy, PEW Environmental Group, in his presentation, “Large Scale Marine Protected Areas in APIL
Jurisdictions: How Much of the Ocean Should we Protect?” shared the latest news relating to marine protected areas in the region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Houk, University of Guam, Marine Lab Micronesia Conservation Coalition, presented new and valuable information on the “Status of Our Coastal Fisheries in Micronesia;” and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bernadette Valencia, Manager, MATSON Guam and Micronesia, presented on “Ocean Freight Services: Matson Navigation Company;” and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Sampson, President, Digital Society Foundation, presented on: “Connect the Blue Continent: Where do we Stand?”; and

WHEREAS, all the above mentioned Presenters provided the 35th 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 that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35th General Assembly, Island of Guam, on June 1-3, 2016, does hereby express sincere appreciation to all the Presenters for their fine, informative, and thorough presentations to the Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures certify and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the respective Presenters of the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, namely: His Excellency Peter M. Christian, Mr. Geoff Bowmaker, Mr. Ernie Galito, Mr. Chris Flynn, Mr. Angelo
O’Connor Villagomez, Mr. Peter Houk, Ms. Bernadette Valencia and Mr. Chris Sampson; and to
the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all member jurisdictions
of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3rd DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY