APIL Resolution No. 35-GA-08

“Congratulating Philippine Airlines for expanding its air service between Manila and Saipan; and further requesting Philippine Airlines to also consider establishing air services to and between the other islands of Micronesia.”

1 WHEREAS, Micronesia and the Philippines share many geological factors and human interests in common; and

2 WHEREAS, the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines share the same latitude, the same weather patterns, the same island lifestyles, and the same economic and social challenges; and

3 WHEREAS, many professional and skilled Filipinos have been recruited to work in the islands of Micronesia, where they have provided the Micronesian island jurisdictions with needed services in many fields in both the public and private sectors of our island societies; and

4 WHEREAS, there is constant travel between the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines as Filipinos come to their islands of recruitment and service in Micronesia and then return to their homes in the Philippines to visit their families and to renew their passports and travel documents; and

5 WHEREAS, due to the limited health care facilities throughout Micronesia, those of our people who are in need of advanced medical care are often referred to hospitals and institutions of specialized health care in the Philippines; and

6 WHEREAS, many trips are planned and taken to and from the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines in pursuit of opportunities for higher education; and

7 WHEREAS, the economic ties and the similarity of economic opportunities between and among Micronesian and Filipino business communities are leading to more and more joint ventures and other forms of business arrangements within the broader region of the Western Pacific that are facilitated through the transport of business leaders to and from the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines; and
WHEREAS, in addition to travel to and from Micronesia and the Philippines, there is much travel between the main island destinations in Micronesia as Micronesians themselves travel to attend to government functions, work assignments, conferences, family gatherings and religious activities; and

WHEREAS, Philippine Airlines will launch a low-fare weekly service between Manila and Saipan on June 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Manila will become the Saipan International Airport’s first destination in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Philippine Airlines has a network of flights that also includes Guam, Osaka, Hong Kong, Beijing, Tokyo, Seoul, Bali, Hanoi, and Dubai; and

WHEREAS, the APIL kindly encourages Philippine Airlines to also consider further expansion in offering air services to and within the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and other island destinations in Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Hagåtña, Guam, June 1-3, 2016, extends its congratulations to Philippine Airlines for expanding its air service between Manila and Saipan; and does further request for Philippine Airlines to also consider establishing air services to and between the other islands of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President certify and the APIL Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of Philippine Airlines; 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 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY