APIL Resolution No. 35-GA-14

“Expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation to the island jurisdictions that neighbor the Republic of Palau for their generous humanitarian assistance to the people of the Republic of Palau during the severe drought created by El Niño weather conditions.”

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau declared a State of Emergency on March 22, 2016, through Executive Order No. 389 because of dire water shortages caused by the extreme drought afflicting the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, Palau’s National Congress found that the lives and property of a significant number of people were adversely affected by the extreme drought conditions and confirmed the State of Emergency on March 23, 2016, based upon data from Palau’s National Emergency Committee that the water reserves in the Republic were at critical levels with weather forecasters predicting little precipitation in the coming months; and

WHEREAS, Palau’s neighbors responded promptly and provided generous assistance to the Republic in its time of need; and

WHEREAS, gifts of financial assistance and water provisions were instrumental to the emergency relief efforts, and the people of Palau directly benefitted from these donations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35th General Assembly, Island of Guam, June 1 through 3, 2016, does hereby, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, join the Republic of Palau in expressing its sincere gratitude and
appreciation to the island jurisdictions that neighbor the Republic of Palau for their generous
humanitarian assistance to the people of the Republic of Palau during the severe drought created
by El Niño weather conditions; 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 the Legislative Presiding Officers 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