APIL Resolution No. 36-GA-02

“Expressing sincere appreciation to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and the President of the Federated States of Micronesia for providing for a conservation area for marine life within the 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia.”

WHEREAS, the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, both singularly and collectively, hold the conservation and protection of our marine resources as very important priorities in our respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2016, the President sent an Administration sponsored bill to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia under Presidential Communication No. 19-415, which bill would provide for the conservation of the marine resources of the Federated States of Micronesia within defined areas of its 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone, especially for migratory species in the waters of the FSM; and

WHEREAS, after the proper review, the Congress enacted the Administration’s request and it was signed into law by the President on April 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is the culmination of strenuous conservation efforts in recent years by various environmentally concerned, regional entities, most particularly, the Micronesian Conservation Trust, (MCT); and

WHEREAS, the new FSM national law goes a long way in meeting the short and long term goals set by local and regional partnerships in conservation and marine protection; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 36th General Assembly, Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati, June 22-24, 2017, that this Assembly hereby expresses sincere appreciation to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and the President of the Federated States of Micronesia for providing for a conservation area for marine life within the Federated States of Micronesia 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone; 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 Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of the respective governments of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.


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