APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-05

“Encouraging the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to consider participating on Trade Missions to the Republic of China, Taiwan.”

WHEREAS, the island nation of the Republic of China, Taiwan has been a positive and productive economic partner to Pacific Island countries by providing technical assistance in encouraging diverse economic markets, including agriculture, fisheries, tourism, trade and others; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures wishes to participate in trade missions throughout the Pacific Rim to encourage future outbound and inbound movement of products and services from the APIL member entities and throughout the Asia/Pacific Rim; and

WHEREAS, the APIL member entities are ideally positioned to benefit from the market opportunities that currently exist in Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Rim, and

WHEREAS, the importance of East Asia/Pacific commercial growth to the world economy has increased tremendously and the benefits of trade with neighboring APIL member jurisdictions will boost islands’ economies; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China, Taiwan, and its foreign trade has been the engine of Taiwan’s rapid growth during the past 50 years and Taiwan’s economy remains export-oriented and dependent on an open world trade market, and under an ideal trade scenario, the APIL member entities could enjoy millions worth of new exports in products and services annually; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China, Taiwan became a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) as a special customs territory in January 2002, enabling it to significantly expand its export economy; and

WHEREAS, such trade missions to be undertaken by the APIL are exploratory in nature, but the opportunity and potential for successful partnership can be materialized; and

WHEREAS, APIL is fully committed to commerce and trade through the establishment of the Pacific Islands Development Bank; now, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 51st Board Meeting, December 1-3, 2010, Colonia, Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, are encouraged to participate on Trade Missions to the Republic of China, Taiwan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest, to the adoption of this resolution and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the President of the Republic of China, Taiwan and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member legislature of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010.