Encouraging the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to initiate efforts in formulating a master plan for a Comprehensive Digital Superhighway for the Micronesian and Pacific Region and to request Digital Society Foundation to seek assistance from the United Nations Development Program, the Pacific Islands Forum, and other regional entities in such efforts.

WHEREAS, the entities, islands, and countries in the Pacific region do not all have equal access to reliable and consistent communications and information network; and

WHEREAS, in this digital age of technology and information sharing, dependable access to the “information digital superhighway” is important to the economic, social, and educational development in all societies in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the differing various methods of telecommunications and information sourcing varies in methods and is inconsistent from state to state and island to island and it is to the benefit of the member entities of APIL to collectively work on equalizing and improving access across the Pacific; 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, hereby encourages the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to initiate efforts in formulating a master plan for a Comprehensive Digital Superhighway for the Micronesian and Pacific Region and to request Digital Society Foundation to seek assistance from the United Nations Development Program, the Pacific Islands Forum, and other regional entities in such efforts, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 and CEO of Digital Society Foundation and 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.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY