Resolution No. 51-BOD-12

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

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines’ national economy is the 48th largest in the world, with an estimated 2009 gross domestic product (nominal) of $161 billion and its primary exports include semiconductors and electronic products, transport equipment, manufactured and other natural products; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines’ major trading partners include China, Japan, the United States, Singapore, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Thailand, and Malaysia; 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, APIL, as much as possible, should explore all avenues to provide opportunities in trade and the world market and Trade Missions are exploratory in nature, but the opportunity and potential for successful partnerships can be materialized; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of its geographical proximity to the member entities of the APIL, it is inherent that the Philippines should be explored through Trade Missions for economic and trade examples; 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 asked to participate on Trade Missions to the Republic of the Philippines; 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 the Philippines, the Philippine Consulate General Office in Guam 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.

[Signatures]
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PRESIDENT SECRETARY