A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 53-BOD-04

"Expressing sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to the PEW Environment Group and its representatives and to their local NGO partners and their members for their hard work and efforts in organizing and conducting the Shark Sanctuary Workshop and for their promise of continuing support to the APIIL legislative assemblies as we continue to develop and harmonize legislation on the protection of the shark species of the Pacific."

WHEREAS, during the 30th General Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15 - 17, 2011, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted Resolution No. 30-GA-03 in which the APIIL declared that it is in agreement with the perceptive enactments of legislation in Palau, Hawaii, CNMI, and Guam with respect to the protection of the shark species of the Pacific, and requested all member legislative assemblies of the APIIL to adopt similar legislation for a unified regional ban prohibiting the possession, selling, offering for sale, trading or distribution of shark fins, rays and ray parts; and

WHEREAS, in response to the APIIL resolution, the Republic of the Marshall Islands established the Worlds largest shark sanctuary and Kosrae State became the first FSM State to enact shark conservation legislation and American Samoa adopted legislation banning the possession, sale and trade of shark fins; and

WHEREAS, on December 3-4, 2012, in the State of Pohnpeii, FSM, the PEW Environment Group and its local NGO partners, the Micronesia Conservation Trust and the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, organized and conducted a workshop for the delegates present in the State of Pohnpei for the December APIIL Board of Directors’ meeting on shark conservation measures, providing significant data and advice on drafting effective laws on the protection of shark species, thereby, promoting APIIL’s initiative to make the world’s largest shark sanctuary out of the ocean waters of our Blue Continent; and
WHEREAS, these highly committed and very knowledgeable NGOs who
organized and conducted the workshop have promised their continuing support to the
legislative efforts of the APIL members in enacting and harmonizing our protective shark
bills and laws; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd Board
of Directors’ Meeting, State of Pohnpei, FSM, December 5-6, 2012, that the Board of
Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, do hereby express
its sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to the PEW Environment Group and its
representatives and to the local NGO partners and their members for their hard work and
efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of APIL shall certify and the
Secretary of APIL shall attest, to the adoption of this resolution, and that copies
thereupon be transmitted to the representatives of the PEW Environment Group who
organized and conducted the workshop, Ms. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Ms. Elizabeth
Karan and Ms. Laurie Peterka, to their partners in the Micronesia Conservation Trust
and the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative
Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island
Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
PRESIDENT

CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY