Resolution No. 54-BOD-06

“Expressing the deepest concern for the people of the State of Yap in this time of peril to their personal health due to the outbreak of the mosquito borne-disease “Chikungunya fever”, and extending the hopes and prayers of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the swift and complete eradication of this serious ailment that is inflicting the State of Yap.”

1. WHEREAS, in mid-November, 2013, the Department of Public Health and Social Services of the State of Yap, FSM issued a public alert and soon thereafter confirmed the outbreak of Chikungunya fever in that State; and
2. WHEREAS, “Chikungunya fever” is a viral disease transmitted to humans by the bite of infected mosquitoes which causes high fever and severe joint pain that starts suddenly; and
3. WHEREAS, “Chikungunya fever”, which also causes headaches, muscle pain and rash, does not often result in death, but the symptoms can be disabling, and some people can get severe complications; and
4. WHEREAS, there is no specific medication available to treat Chikungunya and there is no vaccine to prevent it; and
5. WHEREAS, the Epi-Aid Team of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (CDC), has been sent to Yap to assist the health workers of Yap with developing mosquito control; and
6. WHEREAS, the team from CDC is working closely with the Yap State Department of Public Health and Social Services, DPHSS, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC); and
7. WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services of the State of Yap is continuing to monitor the situation in neighboring islands and is working with clinicians to be vigilant for possible cases and prompt reporting to DPHSS; and
WHEREAS, the vigilant work of DPHSS, along with the expertise of the U.S. Epi-Aid
Team and the assistance of the international organizations, is doing much to limit the
debilitating effects of the disease within the State of Yap and is preventing its spread to other
islands in the APIL Pacific; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 54th Board of
Directors Meeting, Island of Guam, December 4-6, 2013, that the Board of Directors of the
Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses our deepest concern for the people
of the State of Yap in this time of peril to their personal health and extends our hopes and
prayers for the swift and complete eradication of this public ailment that is inflicting their State;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Association of
Pacific Island Legislatures extends it appreciation to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and
Prevention and its Epi-Aid Team, and to the World Health Organization and the Secretariat of
the Pacific Community for their assistance to the people of Yap in their time of need; 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 Governor of Yap State; to the Speaker of the Yap State Legislature; to the Health Officials
of the Yap State Government; to the Chief Executive Officers of the U.S. Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and the Secretariat of the Pacific
Community; to the President of the Federated State of Micronesia; to the Chief Executives and
Presiding Legislative Officers of the APIL Member jurisdictions, and to such other interested
and relevant officials, organizations and entities as the APIL President deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
PRESIDENT

CHANG WILLIAM
SECRETARY