Resolution No. 56-BOD-02

"Congratulating Cebu Pacific Air in their expansion of offering service between Manila and Guam and further requesting Cebu Pacific Air to also consider air service to and between the other islands in Micronesia."

WHEREAS, Micronesia and the Philippines share many geological factors and human interests in common; and

WHEREAS, the islands of Micronesia and the islands of Micronesia share the same latitude, the same weather patterns, the same island life styles and the same economic and social challenges; and

WHEREAS, many professional and skilled Filipinos have been recruited to work in the islands of Micronesia where they provide the Micronesian island jurisdictions with needed services in many fields in both the public and private sectors of our island societies; and

WHEREAS, there is constant travel between the islands of Micronesia and the islands of the Philippines as Filipinos come to their islands of recruitment and service in Micronesia and then return to their home islands in the Philippines to visit their families and to renew their passports and travel documents; and

WHEREAS, due to the limited health care facilities throughout Micronesia, those of our people who are in need of advanced medical care are often referred to hospitals and institutions of specialized health care in the Philippines; and
WHEREAS, many trips are planned and taken to and from the islands of Micronesia and the islands of the Philippines in pursuit of opportunities for higher education; and

WHEREAS, economic ties and the similarity of economic opportunities between and among Micronesian and Filipino business communities are leading to more and more joint ventures and other forms of business arrangements within the broader region of the Western Pacific that are facilitated through the transport of business leaders to and from the islands of Micronesia and the islands of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, in addition to travel to and from Micronesia and the Philippines, there is much travel in between the main island destinations in Micronesia as Micronesians themselves travel to attend to government functions, work assignments, conferences, family gatherings and religious activities; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2015, Cebu Pacific Air launched a low-fare weekly service between Manila and Guam; and

WHEREAS, Guam is Cebu Pacific Air’s first U.S. destination; and

WHEREAS, Cebu Pacific Air has a network of flights that also include Sydney, Doha, Beijing, Tokyo, Bali, and Dubai; and,

WHEREAS, APIL kindly encourages Cebu Pacific Air to also consider further expansion in offering air service to and within the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and other island destinations in Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends our congratulations to Cebu Pacific Air in their expansion of offering service between Manila and Guam
and further requests Cebu Pacific Air to also consider air service to and between the other islands in Micronesia; 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 transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of Cebu Pacific Air, to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, and to such other agencies, institutions and NGO’s providing employment opportunities, health care services, higher education, and business services within our region of the Pacific as the APIL President deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY