A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 56-BOD-04, CD1

"Recognizing Silver Discoverer and supporting the establishment and continuation of a sustainable cruise line industry in Micronesia."

WHEREAS, on the morning of December 1, 2015, as the members of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures arose to prepare for the opening ceremonies of this year’s Board meeting, we were treated with a visage of the rising sun over the calm waters of the Pacific Ocean off the northeastern shores of Kosrae; and

WHEREAS, rising with the sun on the distant horizons of the sea was the image of a large vessel approaching the shores of Kosrae; and

WHEREAS, as the vessel neared the island, her profile revealed that the ocean vessel was the Silver Discoverer, a cruise ship carrying 120 passengers and 100 crew members on a voyage through the islands of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, as the morning turned to noon, the roads and pathways of Kosrae were filled with throngs of curious personalities, all intent on learning of the wonders of Kosrae and on photographing the ancient ruins and scenic sights of this island state; and

WHEREAS, as Board members of the APIL, we were encouraged to witness the sincere efforts being undertaken by the Kosraean people to ensure that the visit of the passengers of the cruise ship Silver Discoverer was both pleasant and memorable; and

WHEREAS, the Board has learned that upon departure from the island of Kosrae, the Silver Discoverer is next bound for the atolls of Pingelap and Kapingamarangi in the FSM State of Pohnpei; and
WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the calling of the *Silver Discoverer* on the Island of Kosrae that we had the privilege to witness on the morning of December 1, 2015, is just one of several voyages that have been occurring and that are planned for the future to visit the islands of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the APIL takes special interest voyages such as that currently being undertaken by the *Silver Discoverer* insofar as over a decade and half ago, in March of 2000, the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted Board Resolution 37-01, through which the Board first requested that all member governments of the APIL support the promotion and marketing of Micronesia as a new destination to the cruise line industry; and

WHEREAS, in line with the efforts of the APIL, the Micronesian Cruise Association has been established by the cruise ship operators in the Pacific to support and market a network of cruises in our region of the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Micronesian Cruise Association’s mission is to build collective regional credibility to capitalize on socially responsible and economically sustainable opportunities, to encourage the promotion of, and support for, authenticity in each of the region’s island destinations, to facilitate regional collaboration in cultivating and growing market visibility and demonstrating a compelling value proposition among stakeholders, influencers, and consumers, and to provide advice on island-specific cruise development initiatives; 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 sincere appreciation to the Micronesian Cruise Association for the promotion and advancement of the cruise ship voyages in the waters of the APIL Pacific, and especially to the owners and
operators of Silver Discoverer who treated the Board members of the APIL with an informative
example in real time of cruise ship tourism at the Island of Kosrae on December 1, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the APIL reaffirms its
request to all member governments to support the promotion of a cruise line industry in our region
of the Pacific and encourages all member governments to participate as a port of visitation and to
help promote the growth of cruise ship tourism in Micronesia by seeking financial support from our
respective government treasuries and from regional and global financial institutions, such as the
World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Pacific Islands Development Bank, the Secretariat
of the Pacific Community and the Pacific Islands Forum, to enhance visitors’ experiences through
the strengthening of our island infrastructures, the renovation and expansion of our seaports and the
beautification and upkeep of our island attractions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association
of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby requests the Micronesian Cruise Association to continue
to provide advice to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures on how our member jurisdictions
can support the efforts of the Micronesian Cruise Association in its continuing efforts to establish
and maintain a sustainable cruise line industry 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 Presiding Officer of the Micronesian Cruise Association, to the Owners and the
Captain of the Silver Discoverer, and to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers
of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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

KENNETH A. KEDI  FERNANDO SCALIEM
PRESIDENT  SECRETARY

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