

A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 56-BOD-05

"Respectfully requesting assistance of the Asian Development Bank in providing grant funding for an actuarial study on the feasibility of a regional health insurance plan for the peoples of the Freely Associated States, namely the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau."

WHEREAS, the 34th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, which was held on the Island of Pohnpei in July 2015, adopted Resolution No. 34-GS-17, L.D. 1 in which this Association expressed our need to obtain funding for an actuarial study on the feasibility of a regional health insurance plan which will identify in detail: (1) administration and governance; (2) benefits package and limitations; (3) financing and pricing based on actuarial analysis; (4) participation of APIL member states; (5) sustainability; (6) potential next steps for broadening a supplemental regional health insurance plan into a regional accountable care organization; (7) exploring the potentiality of a universal health care system; and (8) portability; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the resolution by the General Assembly of the APIL in July of 2015 was a continuation of the efforts of APIL to foster and promote the establishment of a regional health insurance plan that will be portable and will incorporate advanced medical care for all APIL member states and territories if not all the jurisdictions that constitute the Blue Continent; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 34-GA-17, L.D. 1 was transmitted to the United States Ambassadors to the Freely Associated States to formally communicate the General Assembly's request to the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, to seek the Department's assistance in funding the actuarial study; but
WHEREAS, unfortunately, this effort to obtain financial assistance from the U.S. Department of the Interior in financing the required actuarial study was not successful; however

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that the necessary financial support might be forth coming through the progressive and socially supportive funding opportunities of the Asian Development Bank; 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 directs the President of the APIL to submit a formal and respectful request to the Asian Development Bank for ADB to assist in the work of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures by providing grant funding for an actuarial study on the feasibility of a regional health insurance plan for the peoples of the Freely Associated States, namely the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau; 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 President of the Asian Development Bank 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
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY