A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 56-BOD-11

“Relative to revitalizing the support of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIIL) for the right of the indigenous Chamorro people of Guam to the decolonization effort of self-determination.”

WHEREAS, the island of Guam still remains a possession and unincorporated territory under United States hegemony; and

WHEREAS, Guam was included on the United Nations’ list of Non-Self-Governing Territories in 1946, recognizing Guam’s standing colonization and, furthermore, deeming the island of Guam a colony in need of self-determination, and warranting of the full measure of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam – and all people – have the inherent right to self-determination and by virtue of that right must be permitted the opportunity to determine their political status, as well as to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development, as inline with basic human rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the administering power, the United States of America, has the moral and legal obligation to support the exercise of the right of self-determination; and

WHEREAS, despite this obligation, the United States Congress and the United States Department of the Interior currently maintains ultimate power, such as eminent domain, over Guam, which situation continues to be deliberated as illegal in international law; and

WHEREAS, the administering power, the United States, continues to threaten the legitimate exercise of decolonization of the island of Guam through the large-scale unilateral
militarization of Guam and the Mariana Islands, in direct conflict with the United Nations General
Assembly and the various Committees of the United Nations, all of which have expressively
instructed Administering Powers not only to scale down and ultimately close their military
installations in the non-self-governing territories they administer, but moreover to refrain from
establishing any new military installations\(^1\); and

**WHEREAS**, on the 7\(^{th}\) of May, 2008, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
adopted Resolution No. 27-GA-11, CD1, “expressing the strong support of the members of the
Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the efforts of the island of Guam to pursue self-
determination;” and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution recognized the right of the people of non-self-governing
territories to self-determination, acknowledged the decolonizing mission of the United Nations,
and resolved that “the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are
encouraged to promote and support the decolonization of Guam and the Chamorro right to self-
determination as a means of promoting peace, justice, and quality of life for the Pacific island
community as a whole;” and

**WHEREAS**, the people of islands of the Marianas, the neighboring islands of Micronesia,
and our neighbors within the larger scope of the Pacific share this region and the ocean that our
ancestors mastered the art of navigating and sailing, which has profoundly connected our island
communities historically and traditionally, and reminds us of the significance of collectively
supporting our shared Pacific Island community, protecting our well-being, our sacred lands and
heritage, and our human rights; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, 56\(^{th}\) Board of
Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of

\(^1\) See, e.g., United Nations GA Resolution 40/57, 40/415, 41/41 B, 42/71, 42/417, 43/45, 43/410
the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby revitalize the Association’s support for
the inalienable right of the indigenous people of the Island of Guam to the decolonization effort of
political self determination; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the honorable representatives of the Association of Pacific Island
Legislatures encourage their respective representatives to the United Nations to support Chamorro
self-determination and decolonization efforts within the international, intergovernmental
organization of the United Nations, and to contest any measures herein that will endanger Guam’s
decolonization efforts of political self-determination; 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 Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo; to Governor Eddie Baza Calvo; to the
Micronesian Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of each APIL member
jurisdiction; and to such other officials and organizations deemed appropriate by the President of
the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEI
SECRETARY