Resolution No. 56-BOD-13

"Supporting Payu-ta in their endeavors to request that President Obama’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, (AAPI), hold a meeting in Micronesia in 2016 to learn about the unique Micronesian conditions and to find ways to improve access to federal programs to reduce the overwhelming disparity seen today in Micronesian communities across the Pacific."

WHEREAS, Payu-ta is a support system formed in 2007 and centered in Guam that promotes and strengthens its member organizations’ capacities and that advocates for progressive and sustainable Micronesian communities; and

WHEREAS, Payu-ta is a collaborative partnership that maximizes resources and responds efficiently and effectively for positive community impact; and

WHEREAS, there are many health and social issues in the Micronesian region that have not yet been adequately addressed; and

WHEREAS, these health and social issues are prevalent in the United States such as teen pregnancy, homelessness, high-school dropouts, juvenile delinquency, unemployment, and communicable and non-communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Islanders and Micronesians are often over-represented as being at risk in the data collected on these health and social issues; and

WHEREAS, health disparity and lack of access to US federal programs continue to be a concern to policy makers, and government and community leaders; and
WHEREAS, President Obama’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, (AAPI), was established to work with all federal agencies to improve the health, education and economic status of Asian American and Pacific Island communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 56th Board Meeting, December 2-3, 2015, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends its support to Payu-ta in their endeavors to request that President Obama’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hold a meeting in Micronesia in 2016 to learn about the unique Micronesian conditions and to find ways to improve access to federal programs to reduce the overwhelming disparity seen today in Micronesian communities across the Pacific; 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 Presiding Officers of Payu-ta, to the Executive Director of the U.S. President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, 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