Resolution No. 57-BOD-06

"Expressing the sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures to the Parliament of the Republic of Kiribati on the passage of Shark Sanctuary legislation thereby completing the map of the largest and most comprehensive Shark Sanctuary in the world."

WHEREAS, the Government of the Republic of Kiribati recently enacted legislation establishing the Kiribati Shark Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the US Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and its four states have all passed laws protecting sharks in their waters as well; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Kiribati Shark Law has ultimately led to the completion of the Micronesian Shark Sanctuary which is protecting an ocean area larger than the mainland of the United States of America; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 57th Board Meeting, State of Chuuk, December 8-9, 2016, that this Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses our sincere appreciation to the Parliament of the Republic of Kiribati on the passage of the Shark Sanctuary legislation thereby completing the map of the largest and most comprehensive Shark Sanctuary in the world; 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 Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

ROBERT I. TAULUNG  NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT  SECRETARY