Resolution No. 57-BOD-07

“Calling upon the immigration and manpower development agencies of the member jurisdictions of the APIL to join together in a concerted and coordinated effort to recruit, help train and ease the travel and work restrictions of capable and skilled groups of men and women from all across the vast domains of the Blue Continent to help service the expanding demands of the tourism industry and other economic endeavors in the fortunate islands that are realizing rapid growth in these sectors of economic development.”

WHEREAS, throughout the thirty-five years of the existence of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, this organization has consistently called for and applauded the success of our member jurisdictions in the development of each of our individual island economies; and

WHEREAS, throughout these years, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has repeatedly pressed for the reduction of trade barriers, the training of our peoples to become skilled workers, and the removal of travel and work restrictions among the many governing entities of the Blue Continent; and

WHEREAS, although the APIL calls for economic development, the reduction of trade barriers and the ease of movement of skilled and trainable workers between and among the island jurisdictions is universal across the vast stretches of the Blue Continent, fate and location have often resulted in the economies of some of our island jurisdictions to advance more rapidly and sometimes to fall behind the advancement of others; and

WHEREAS, as the members of the APIL Board of Directors are meeting in the State of Chuuk in the last month of the year, 2016, we are very encouraged to learn of new opportunities in economic development that are occurring within the Blue Continent, such as the increasing levels of Asian travelers visiting the Republic of Palau and the resurgence of tourism in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
WHEREAS, with these favorable indicators of economic development, the affected island governments are looking to increase the capacity of their workforces to meet the challenges that are brought about by the growth in their tourism sectors; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of building workforce capacities among the island jurisdictions experiencing rapid tourism development is leading the governments of these fortunate jurisdictions to look throughout the island populations of the Blue Continent for skilled workers and trainable youth to fill their ever increasing pools of manpower which must be dedicated to servicing the expanding tourism industry; 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 calls upon the immigration and manpower development agencies of the member jurisdictions of the APIL to join together in a concerted and coordinated effort to recruit, help train and ease the travel and work restrictions of skilled groups of men and women from all across the vast domains of the Blue Continent to help service the expanding demands of the tourism industry and other economic endeavors in the fortunate islands that are realizing rapid growth in these sectors of economic development; 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.

[Signatures]

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