Resolution No. 57-BOD-08

"Requesting Association of Pacific Island Legislatures member entities to support the Annual Regional Conference of the Micronesian Youth Services Network (MYSN) to be held in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in July 2017 by sponsoring youth participants from each member entity."

WHEREAS, there is a need for regional youth advocates to align and partner to share and maximize resources, information on best practices and evidence based approaches, and to collaborate with political leaders to help make policy changes; and

WHEREAS, one of the region’s most critical social challenges that affects all youth in Micronesia is the lack of an integrated youth services program since there is a gap between government youth programs and current NGO youth programs; and

WHEREAS, the MYSN is a creation of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL); and

WHEREAS, MYSN will pay the room and board expenses of youth participants whose travel is sponsored by APIL to attend the 13th Annual MYSN conference in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in July 2017; and

WHEREAS, MYSN acknowledges the efforts of the Speaker of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi, for empowering the youth of RMI to participate in the MYSN Annual Conference in Tinian, CNMI 2016; and

WHEREAS, MYSN humbly requests APIL’s interest and support for the youth to attend the MYSN 2017; and

WHEREAS, the MYSN Tinian Youth matters is a proven success that supports enhancement of youth services, youth opportunities, and ensuring that our unique cultural values are maintained; and
WHEREAS, the enthusiasm and participation of RMI Youth Champion, Mr. Albers Jr. LD Alik, was most invaluable to the conference during MYSN board meeting and Mr. Alik received a record of 52 out of 52 votes to join the MYSN Board; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and congratulate the Republic of Marshall Islands for joining the MYSN Team and for hosting MYSN 2017, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 57th Board Meeting, State of Chuuk, December 8-9, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby requests sponsorship from each respective member entity of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to support the Annual Regional Conference of the Micronesian Youth Services Network (MYSN) to be held in the Republic of the Marshall Islands by sponsoring youth participants from each member entity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member legislative assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is requested to provide financial assistance for their respective youth representatives to the MYSN Annual Regional Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adaptation hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Micronesian Youth Services Network and 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  
President

Nelson Stephen  
Secretary