APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-12

“Calling upon all member states of the APIL to support the Republic of Palau’s efforts to close its exclusive economic zone to all commercial fishing activities.”

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of Palau, His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., announced his plans to close Palau’s exclusive economic zone to all commercial fishing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is currently exploring ways and possibilities to establish a commercial free fishing zone in all of its territorial waters and is looking into issues and practicability of such a groundbreaking project; and

WHEREAS, the APIL member states have consistently upheld the highest standards when it came to conservation efforts regarding our most valuable resource, the ocean; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is aware of the magnitude of a commercial fishing free exclusive economic zone and that such a project will be highly dependent on the collaboration and support of all APIL member states; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is willing to work with all APIL member states and reiterates the importance of contribution and support from the whole Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is convinced that conservation efforts are what makes us a unique region and that all APIL member states take pride in our unique maritime environment; and
WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau calls upon all APIL member states to continue and expand their efforts to preserve the marine environment and to contribute to a healthy and sustainable way of combining commercial activities and conservation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 33rd General Assembly, July 15-17, 2014 in Majuro, Republic of Marshal Islands, that the APIL encourages its members to support the Republic of Palau’s efforts to close its exclusive economic zone to all commercial fishing activities; 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 thereafter transmitted to the Chief Executives and legislative presiding officers of each APIL member entity.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 17th DAY OF JULY, 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D. PRESIDENT

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