A Resolution

APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-13

"Expressing appreciation of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures to all the Presenters and special thanks for their informative and thorough presentations to the APIL members at its 33rd General Assembly."

Whereas, the 33rd General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures was held in the beautiful island of Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 15-17, 2014; and

Whereas, the theme for the APIL 33rd General Assembly was “Regional Transportation and Communication”; and

Whereas, the “Nitijela” graciously provided the support and logistics necessary for the conduct of the General Assembly and the requirements of those attending; and

Whereas, Mr. Marshall Ferrin, Regional Fund Manager - USAID’s Pacific American Climate Fund, presented on the opportunities for grants funding from the Pacific American Climate Fund to the APIL member entities and provided the necessary application procedures; and

Whereas, Mr. John Turnbull, Director - Pacific, O3B Networks, presented on the background and progress of O3B with innovative internet services via new generation medium earth orbit satellite technologies which can help to connect the communities of the Blue Continent; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Jules Maher, former Chief Executive Officer of Telecom Cook Islands, presented on the experiences of Cook Islands adoption of O3B satellite services and rendered his expert advice and guidance via live video conference; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stephen Conroy from the Australian Parliament, former Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, provided his insights and thoughts on the UN Broadband Commission and the Australia’s Broadband Network via live video conference; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable David Bartlett, former Premier and Minister for Employment in the Government of Tasmania presented on Economic and Social Development from Broadband-Speed Internet via live video conference; and

WHEREAS, Professor Christopher Sampson, founder of Digital Society Foundation and former Chief Information Officer in the Tasmanian Government, facilitated and organized the participation of some of the above presenters via live video and updated the General Assembly with progress on ‘Connect the Blue Continent”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Phil Philippo, Secretary, Ministry of Transportation and Communications presented on “RMI’s Transportation and Communication Challenges and Future Outlook”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tommy Kijiner Jr., President & CEO of RMI National Telecommunications Authority presented on the “RMI National Telecommunications successes and challenges”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adam Baske, Tuna Specialist - PEW Charitable Trusts presented on “Today’s Tuna Fisheries in the Pacific”; and
WHEREAS, all the above presenters provided the members attending the 33rd General Assembly with an informative and thorough presentation on the programs available and being developed which will assist the member Legislatures in further positioning themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 33rd General Assembly, Majuro, RMI, July 15-17, 2014, that the APIL hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to all the Presenters for the fine and informative presentations given; 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 be transmitted to the respective Presenters and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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

[Signatures]

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