A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-14

“Calling upon all member entities of the APIL to work closely together to identify issues related to regional communication and to develop policies and legislation to address those issues as they arise.”

1. WHEREAS, the theme for the 33rd General Assembly of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) is “Regional Transportation and Communication”; and

2. WHEREAS, the APIL is one of the largest gatherings for today’s Pacific policy makers providing an unique environment which enables legislators to build strong legislative networks; and

3. WHEREAS, gratitude goes to the Marshall Islands, the host of the 33rd General Assembly of the APIL for its hospitality and generosity; and

4. WHEREAS, communication has gained increasing importance in the last decades, not only in the Pacific region but globally; and

5. WHEREAS, the internet is by far the most important medium of our days connecting the Pacific Island states to the rest of the world; and

6. WHEREAS, many APIL member states have taken steps to establish better internet services for their respective nations; and

7. WHEREAS, the governments of all APIL member states should work together in order to explore ways on how to improve the connectivity of our island nations; and

8. WHEREAS, efforts should go towards establishing marine fiber optic cable connections in the Western Pacific as a long term solution in collaboration between the jurisdictions of Guam, Palau and Yap; and
WHEREAS, the APIL member states call upon the World Bank to make available necessary funding to allow the Pacific Island nations to move forward with the fiber optic project; and

WHEREAS, there is still much to be done to increase the frequency and affordability of communications, particularly the internet through policy, legislation and bilateral and multilateral negotiations, including stakeholders in the private and public sectors, international organizations and service providers; 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 governments of the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures are requested to work closely together to identify issues related to regional communication and to develop policies and legislation to address those issues as they arise; 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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SECRETARY