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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 26-GA-04, CD1

“Calling on all APIL member entities to cooperate by collecting and sharing information and observations on ways to prevent and mitigate the effects of global warming of our atmosphere.”

1 **WHEREAS**, although global temperatures fluctuate naturally over the past 50 years, the average
2 global temperature has increased at the fastest rate in recorded history in the last few decades; and

3 **WHEREAS**, scientific evidence strongly suggests that the trend is accelerating; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the 10 hottest years on record have all occurred since 1990, and scientists say that
5 unless we curb global warming emissions, average temperatures could be three to nine degrees higher by the
6 end of the century; and

7 **WHEREAS**, global warming is a complex phenomenon and its full-scale impacts are hard to predict
8 far in advance; and

9 **WHEREAS**, each year scientists learn more about how global warming is affecting the planet and
10 many agree that certain consequences are likely to occur if current trends continue; and

11 **WHEREAS**, among these:

12 ▶ Melting glaciers, early snowmelt and severe droughts will cause more dramatic water
13 shortages;

14 ▶ Rising sea levels will lead to coastal flooding;

15 ▶ Warmer sea surface temperatures will fuel more intense typhoons and hurricanes in the
16 Pacific region;

17 ▶ Forests, farms and cities will face troublesome new pests and more mosquito-borne
18 diseases;

19 ▶ Disruption of habitats such as coral reefs and forests could drive many plant and animal
20 species to extinction; and

21 **WHEREAS**, many of global warming’s effects are already being observed and felt globally; and

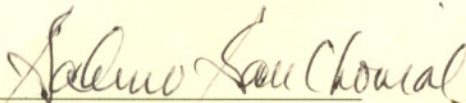
22 **WHEREAS**, we can increase our reliance on renewable energy sources such as wind, sun and
23 geothermal energies, and further reduce pollution;

24 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 26th
25 General Assembly Conference, held in American Samoa on June 21- 23, 2007, that the APIL shall join hands
26 and share information on ways to prevent further the gradual global warming of our atmosphere; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a task force will be created to compile data of affects of global
2 warming, and report the results at the next APIL Board of Directors meeting; and

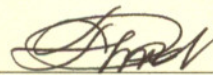
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall
4 attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Presiding
5 Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all members of the Association of Pacific Island
6 Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2007.



SABINO SAUCHOMAL
APIL PRESIDENT





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APIL ACTING SECRETARY