



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
FSM, State of Yap
Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 27-GA-07, CD1

“Commending and congratulating Continental Micronesia on their 40th Anniversary as the premier air carrier for Micronesia and the Western Pacific and extending its sincerest gratitude for Continental Micronesia’s contribution to the peoples of the Western Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, forty years ago, Continental Airlines commenced a pioneering venture to extend air
2 services throughout the islands of Micronesia, providing a vital link in air transportation from each of the
3 island centers in Micronesia to the hubs of air service in Honolulu and Guam and on to distant
4 destinations throughout the Pacific and the world; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the accomplishments of this astonishing leap forward in air transportation for the
6 islands of Micronesia can be chronicled on a year by year basis in the following manner:

7 **WHEREAS**, in year 1968:

- 8 • The U.S. Interior Department eases entry restrictions on tourists to Micronesia and
9 opening up the travel industry.
- 10 • Continental Airlines signs a five-year contract with the Trust Territory government to
11 provide regular air service within Micronesia.
- 12 • Air Micronesia becomes an active organization.
- 13 • Air Mike commences flights from Saipan to Honolulu, with seven island stops in between.
- 14 • Twelve Micronesians are selected for training in Hawaii as FAA-certified mechanics.
- 15 • Saipan-Majuro mid-week service is extended to Honolulu, doubling the flight frequency
16 to Hawaii; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in the year 1969:

- 18 • Construction begins on Continental hotels on Guam, Belau and Chuuk.
- 19 • Air Micronesia adds Johnston Island as a revenue stop between Honolulu and Majuro.
- 20 • Service is extended to Nauru; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in the year 1970:

- 22 • Organized tours of Micronesia are offered for the first time.

- Air Micronesia initiates Jet service with one B-727-100 Combi aircraft.
- First jet is nicknamed "Nu-Ju".
- Pohnpei's new airport with a 6,000 foot runway opens.
- Air Mike inaugurates jet service to Pohnpei.
- Guam Continental Hotels opens.
- Chuuk Continental Hotel opens; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1971:

- Airline customer service training begins at University of Guam.
- The Civil Aeronautics Board, with approval of the President, permanently certifies Air Micronesia's Trust Territory air service.
- Palau Continental Hotel opens; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1972:

- The Air Micronesia workforce grows to include 114 Micronesians out of a total payroll of 206.
- A teletype system linking all six Trust Territory districts goes into operation.
- Air Micronesia adds a second Boeing 727, nicknamed "Ju-Ju", to its fleet and becomes an all jet airline; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1973:

- A new 7,000 foot airstrip opens at Majuro.
- A new airport terminal building opens at Chuuk; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1974:

- Saipan Continental Hotel opens; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1976:

- President Ford approves route authority for Air Micronesia between Saipan and Japan; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1977:

- The Japanese government approves Air Micronesia Saipan-Tokyo service.
- Continental, through Air Micronesia, becomes an international airline for the first time.
- The first flight commences from Saipan to the Tokyo Haneda Airport; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1978:

- Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas is created.

- Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap agree by referendum to form the Federated States of Micronesia.

- Micronesian personnel assume supervisor positions at all Air Micronesia stations; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1979:

- Marshall Islands adopt a parliamentary-style government.
- Nation of the Federated States of Micronesia is born; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1980:

- Continental sells its Guam and Saipan hotels.
- Japan approves Air Mike to add four weekly flights between Saipan and Tokyo making a total of 11 per week; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1981:

- Continental sells its Belau hotel; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1982:

- Air Micronesia adds a fourth 727 to its fleet.
- Air Micronesia inaugurates Guam-Manila service four times weekly; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1983:

- Air Micronesia inaugurates service between Guam/Saipan and Nagoya; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1984:

- Air Micronesia inaugurates DC-10 service between Guam/Honolulu.
- The U.S. Guam to Narita non-stop service begins; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1985:

- Air Micronesia adds a fifth 727 to its fleet; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1986:

- Guam-Honolulu-West Coast service increases to six flights per week.
- Air Micronesia inaugurates scheduled service to Kosrae, thereby serving every state of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1987:

- Installation of System One travel agency computer system begins in Guam and Saipan.
- Air Micronesia increases the Guam-Manila service to seven times weekly.
- Air Micronesia begins DC-10 service to Nagoya.
- New service is added to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1988:

- New service adds three weekly flights between Guam and Okinawa, Japan.
- Air Micronesia adds a seventh aircraft to its fleet, and increases Guam-Belau-Port Moresby service; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1989:

- Air Micronesia begins service to Brisbane and Sydney, Australia, operating DC-10 aircraft.
- Air Micronesia resumes service to Denpasar, Bali, with DC-10 aircraft.
- Air Micronesia begins commuter service to Rota and Saipan utilizing Fokker F27 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1990:

- Air Micronesia adds a fifth city in Japan to route structure by inaugurating flight from Guam and Saipan to Sapporo, Japan with DC-10 aircraft.
- Air Micronesia adds Sendai, Japan to the route structure, utilizing 727 aircraft.
- Air Micronesia continues its Asia expansion by adding service to Taipei utilizing 727 aircraft.
- Air Micronesia inaugurates service to Seoul, Korea from Guam with 727 aircraft.

WHEREAS, in the year 1991:

- Air Micronesia adds second city in the Philippines by inaugurating service to Cebu utilizing 727 aircraft.
- Air Micronesia's expansion effort continues with the addition of Hong Kong to its list of Asian destinations.
- Air Micronesia inaugurates a twice weekly service between Hong Kong and Guam, utilizing DC-10 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1992:

- Continental Air Micronesia receives certification as stand-alone Part 121 carrier, Continental Micronesia Inc. (CMI), a leading regional carrier for Asia and the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1993:

- Continental Micronesia celebrates its 25th anniversary.
- Long-range wide-body service extends across the Pacific with B-747s operating on CMI Routes.
- CMI operates twice weekly service KHH-GUM-KHH, utilizing B727-200.

- CMI operates twice weekly service TPE-ROR-TPE, utilizing B727-200; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1994:

- Continental Micronesia flies 2,000 Kurdish refugees to the United States mainland via Guam; and.

WHEREAS, in the year 1995:

- Continental flies five B-727s boarded with WW II Battle of Iwo Jima veterans to the tiny island to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the battle.
- CMI begins operating TPE-SEL-TPE five times a week, utilizing a B727-200; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1996:

- An Air Mike B-727 is the first B-727 in the world to be equipped and certified with GPS long-range equipment.
- Air Mike begins a cooperative cargo freighter operation with DHL.
- Six B-727 Freighter aircraft are added to the fleet, bringing the total to 15 aircraft.
- The freighter operation hubbed from a crew base in Manila to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Seoul, Taipei and Hong Kong.
- B-757 aircraft begin operating from a Guam crew base on CMI routes; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1997:

- Guam opens new international air terminal and Continental opens new world-class Presidents Club.
- Supertyphoon Paka packed winds of 236 mph and devastates Guam, but Continental Micronesia resumes service in three days.
- CMI discontinues the following scheduled services: KHH-GUMKHH; TPE-ROR-TPE and TPE-SEL-TPE; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1998:

- Continental Micronesia adds the destinations of Niigata and Okayama in Japan; Cairns, Australia and Noumea, New Caledonia.
- B-757 aircraft are returned to Continental Airlines; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1999:

- CMI-DHL Freighter venture comes to a close.
- Continental Airlines B-737-800 aircraft begin operating on Continental Micronesia routes.
- B-727s begin to be phased-out; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000:

- The last Continental Micronesia B-727 is retired from service.
- DC-10 aircraft are certified on Continental Micronesia operating certificate on an interchange Ops Spec agreement with Continental Airlines; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2001:

- Continental Micronesia B-737 crew rescues downed US Navy P-3 crew captured on Chinese island of Hainan.
- Continental Micronesia DC-10s are replaced with a newer 767 fleet.
- E-Service machines are installed at Honolulu Airport; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2002:

- Ten Continental Micronesia B-737-800 aircraft, certified as ETOPS-qualified, are officially added to CMI operating certificate.
- Typhoon Chataan hits the island with sustained winds of 115 mph, but Continental Micronesia resumes service with only one day of closure.
- Supertyphoon Pongsona pummels Guam with sustained winds of over 185 mph, but Continental Micronesia again resumes service within 3 days.
- Continental Micronesia celebrates 25 years of service to Japan.
- Continental Micronesia celebrates 20 years of service to the Philippines.
- CMI is inducted into the Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2003:

- Continental Micronesia celebrates 35 years of service to Micronesia.
- Continental Micronesia adds a 3rd flight to Cairns, Australia.
- Continental Micronesia celebrates 5 year anniversaries to Cairns, Niigata, and Okayama.
- Continental Micronesia begins non-stop service between Saipan and Manila; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2004:

- Continental Micronesia and Cape Air team up to provide Continental Connection commuter air service between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.
- A third flight is added to SPN to HKG SPN to TPE SPN to MNL .
- Continental Micronesia celebrates 15 years of service to Bali; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2005:

- Continental Micronesia starts Hiroshima service 2 times a week.

- Continental Micronesia inaugurates NGO to HNL connection.
- Continental Micronesia inaugurates GUM to HIJ service.
- Continental Micronesia begins revenue service of first Boeing 737-800 fitted with blended winglets and completes the full installation of blended winglets on its 737-800 aircraft, saving an average of 4 percent on fuel.
- Continental Micronesia ceases service to TPE, SPN to TPE and the SPN to HKG service ceases as well.
- Continental Micronesia re-instates direct flights to HKG.
- Continental Micronesia begins weekly Kwajalein service.
- Continental Micronesia begins charter flights between GUM and TPE for the Chinese New Year.
- E-Service machines are installed at Guam Airport; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2006:

- Continental Micronesia announces Web check-in for Manila, Micronesia, Narita, Nagoya, Beijing, Hong Kong, Bali, and Cairns.
- Continental Micronesia announces air expansion with new, daily scheduled flights to Osaka.
- Continental Micronesia re-starts Cairns service three times a week.
- Continental Micronesia launches "Wings for Life" OnePass® charity medical account with Ayuda Foundation.
- Continental Micronesia celebrates 15 years of service between Guam and Hong Kong; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2007:

- Continental Micronesia announces Asian language features in e-service kiosks.
- Continental Micronesia 737-800 aircraft are the first in the CAL system of 737s to be outfitted with the Iridium satellite communication telephone system.
- Fleet installation is completed.
- Continental Micronesia and Continental Airlines move to Terminal 1 at the Narita Airport, joining other Skyteam carriers.
- Continental Micronesia celebrates 25 years of service between Guam and Manila and Manila and Guam; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2008:

- Continental Micronesia operates an inaugural charter flight from Shanghai to Guam.
- Continental Micronesia B-737s begin flying ground-based augmented, GPS Approaches into Guam Airport; and

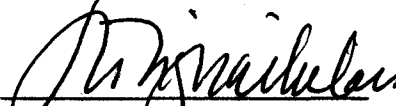
WHEREAS, the forty year history of Continental Micronesia in the APIL jurisdictions has in many respects chronicled the history of the region itself, not only reflecting the growth and maturity of an airline, but also recounting the development of our island economies, the advancement of our island governments, and most importantly, the progress of all our peoples throughout Micronesia, who once could only join together through long and arduous sea voyages, but now can readily fly between and among the islands of our region and travel to destinations around the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27th General Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby commends and congratulates Continental Micronesia on their 40th Anniversary as the premier air carrier for Micronesia and the Western Pacific; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures certifies, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Continental Airlines Inc.; President and CEO of Continental Micronesia; and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and Chief Executives of each of the APIL member jurisdictions.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2008.


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APIL PRESIDENT


WILLIAM NGIRAI KELAU
APIL SECRETARY

