



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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-11, CD1

“Expressing the strong support of the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislature for the efforts of the island of Guam to pursue self-determination”

1 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations, founded in 1945, was established upon the
2 principals of equal rights, human dignity, and self determination of all people; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations Charter states that the interest of the inhabitants of
4 the Non-Self Governing Territories, whose people have not yet attained a full measure of
5 self-government, is paramount; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the administering powers who signed the United Nations Charter
7 accepted as a sacred trust the obligation to promote to the utmost the well-being of the
8 Territories under their administration; and

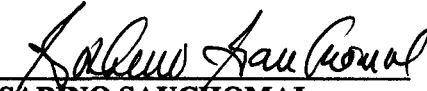
9 **WHEREAS**, United Nations Resolution 1514 states that any attempt at the partial or
10 total disruption of the national unity and territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with
11 the purposes and principles of the Charter; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Guam remains one of the sixteen Non-Self Governing Territories, and
13 Guam’s administering power, the United States of America, has the moral and legal
14 obligation to allow for the exercise of the right of self-determination and to ensure the
15 economic, social, and cultural well being of the Chamorro people; now, therefore,

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27th General
17 Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, that member jurisdictions of APIL are
18 encouraged to promote and support the decolonization of Guam and the Chamorro right to
19 self-determination as a means of promoting peace, justice, and quality of life for the Pacific
20 island community as a whole; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this encouragement for action is taken in
2 recognition of the fundamental and inherent rights of all indigenous island peoples; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Association of Pacific
4 Island Legislatures certifies, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island
5 Legislatures attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter
6 transmitted to the Governor of Guam; to the Speaker of the Guam Legislature; to
7 Congresswoman Madeline Bordallo; to the Western Governors' Association, to the Chief
8 Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the APIL jurisdictions, and to such other
9 officials and organizations as the President of the APIL deems appropriate.

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


SABINO SAUCHOMAL
APIL PRESIDENT


WILLIAM NGIRAI KELAU
APIL SECRETARY

