



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

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 27-GA-12, CD1

“RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING A UNITED APPROACH TO THE INCREASED U.S. MILITARY BUILD-UP OF THE PACIFIC REGION, AND DEMANDING AN INCREASED DIALOGUE WITH THE AFFECTED ISLANDS AND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF WORKING INFORMATION FROM THE MILITARY AND THE UNITED STATES; AND ESPECIALLY RESOLVING TO DEMAND AND ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AS TO ANY POTENTIAL OR CUMULATIVE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIES, SOCIAL STRUCTURE, AND CULTURE OF EACH OF OUR ISLANDS FROM THE INCREASED MILITARY BUILD-UP OF THE REGION.”

1 **WHEREAS**, we have witnessed the deterioration of our indigenous communities and our
2 island people; we have witnessed the deterioration of our land, our water and our air space (our
3 biosphere) as a result of foreign contaminants; and

4 **WHEREAS**, whole societies are already suffering from the effects of a build-up in the
5 military presence that many of us fear as threat to the future; and

6 **WHEREAS**, our home islands as a part of the biosphere, still have an incredible ability
7 to provide what we need and the potential to heal, given the right treatment; and

8 **WHEREAS**, we envision a world of genuine security based on justice, respect for others
9 across national boundaries, and economic planning that meets our people’s needs, especially
10 women and children; and

11 **WHEREAS**, we continue to work toward the creation of a society free of violence, and
12 all forms of exploitation and for the safety, well-being, and long-term sustainability of our
13 communities and the stability of our families in our home islands; and

14 **WHEREAS**, we believe that with everyone working towards having access to necessities
15 of life, we can develop our full human potential – something more than basic human security, one
16 about thriving with elements of our economy, our environment, respect for culture, and protection
17 from avoidable harm; and

18 **WHEREAS**, each of our experiences is different and unique and our cultural values are
19 different than the value the military places in us, yet in this situation is our strength as a region;
20 and

1 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the strength that comes from our differences, we are
2 united in our firm belief in the inherent rights and responsibility of our citizens to know of the
3 military plans and activities that affect their lives; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
5 hereby resolve to ensure that the needs, the care, and the health of girls and women of our Pacific
6 islands be made priority as the US expands its military forces in our islands and in our Pacific
7 region; now, therefore

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Twenty-Seventh
9 General Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, that member jurisdictions of APIL are
10 encouraged to promote and support a united approach to the increased U.S. military build-up of
11 the Pacific region; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we stand united in demanding an increased
13 dialogue with the affected islands and the immediate release of working information from the
14 military and the United States; and especially resolve to demand and ensure transparency as to
15 any potential or cumulative impact on the economies, social structure, and culture of each of our
16 islands from the increased U.S. military build-up of the region; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we want to ensure economic benefits from the
18 military expansion in our region come to our islands without other adverse impact, and, that the
19 consent of the island community concerned be obtained before any mitigation or alternative plan
20 is considered; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Association of Pacific Island
22 Legislatures certifies, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures attests
23 to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Presiding
24 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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