



# **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-14, CD1

**“Relative to recognizing the need for establishing training opportunities leading to the attainment of certificates in the various construction skills, the employment of citizens of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) jurisdictions, and their participation in the Guam military build up.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, the military build up on Guam presents unique opportunities for  
2 employment in a wide array of positions in the construction industry; and

3           **WHEREAS**, there is a shortage of trained human resources in many of these  
4 certificated positions, which may make it necessary to offer newly-created positions to  
5 persons not from Guam, the United States, or its freely associated states if sufficiently  
6 trained and accessible human resources are not readily available; and

7           **WHEREAS**, it is the belief of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27<sup>th</sup>  
8 General Assembly, that there is a limited window upon which its constituents may  
9 receive the training necessary to compete for these valuable, good paying jobs; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27<sup>th</sup> General  
11 Assembly, has identified certain regional organizations that can and may play a major  
12 role in the development of its human resources, such as the Guam Trades Academy, the  
13 University of Guam, the Guam Community College, the College of Micronesia-FSM, the  
14 Northern Marianas Community College, the College of the Marshall Islands, the Palau  
15 Community College, the American Samoa Community College, the Kiribati Technical  
16 Institute and other post-graduate institutions located throughout Micronesia and  
17 Polynesia; and

18           **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27<sup>th</sup>  
19 General Assembly, to harness these institutions' resources and urge them to individually

1 and collectively embark upon an accelerated path to bridge the gap between the needs of  
2 employers and its citizens desiring to become employed by these same companies; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is also the intent of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,  
4 27<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, to provide these training opportunities within each of their  
5 respective jurisdictions so as to minimize the hardship upon its citizens to incur the costs  
6 of transportation, room and board, and other out-of-pocket costs in the attainment of  
7 these needed skills; and

8 **WHEREAS**, by providing these training opportunities to its citizens, and by its  
9 citizens embracing the training, the end result will be a better trained workforce that may  
10 be employed on Guam and benefit from the billions of dollars to be spent over the next 5-  
11 10 year period, rather than arriving with every intent to want to work but possessing few  
12 marketable skills and resorting to overburdened social programs for food, housing and  
13 welfare; now, therefore,

14 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 27<sup>th</sup>  
15 General Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, does hereby request that the Guam  
16 Trades Academy enter into agreements with the educational institutions within  
17 Micronesia and Polynesia to provide the sites for training opportunities in the  
18 construction industry; and

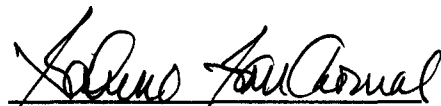
19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each member legislature seek out  
20 contractors performing work within their respective jurisdictions and urge them to  
21 participate in the setting up of skills training by allowing their locally-hired employees to  
22 attend classes and receive on-the-job tutorship by certificated tradespersons; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this matter be given the utmost attention  
24 by each affected member's executive branch of government so as to present a unified  
25 approach to the proposed solution at hand; and

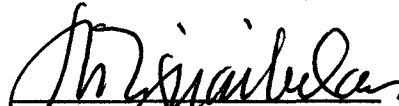
26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Association of Pacific  
27 Island Legislatures certifies; and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Islands  
28 Legislatures attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter  
29 transmitted to the Presiding Legislative Officers and Chief Executives of each of the  
30 APIL member jurisdictions; to the Pacific Forum; and to the Secretariat of the Pacific

- 1 Community; to the Western Council of Micronesian Chief Executives; to the  
2 Micronesian Presidents' Summit; to the Training Director, Guam Trades Academy; to the  
3 President, University of Guam; to the President, Guam Community College; to the  
4 President, College of Micronesia-FSM; to the President, Northern Marianas College; to  
5 the President, College of the Marshall Islands; to the President, Palau Community  
6 College; to the President, American Samoa Community College; to the Chairman and  
7 Members of the Board of Higher Education of American Samoa; to the President,  
8 Kiribati Technical Institute; and to such other officials and regional organizations as the  
9 APIL President deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2008.



SABINO SAUCHOMAL  
APIL PRESIDENT



WILLIAM NGIRAI KELAU  
APIL SECRETARY

