



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. 28-GA-08

“Expressing the strong support of the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the efforts by Guam to enter into intergovernmental agreements in support of the military build-up.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2009, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton signed a
2 pact with Japan, formalizing an earlier agreement made in 2006 to relocate Marines
3 stationed in Okinawa, further demonstrating the United States Government’s plans for re-
4 alignment of military personnel and assets to Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s transformation is expected to cost at least \$15 billion and
6 put some of the United States military’s highest-profile assets within the fences of a
7 vastly improved network of bases; and

8 **WHEREAS**, up to \$1.1 billion could trickle through Guam's economy in
9 FY2010, with \$674 million going towards the Marines relocation from Okinawa to
10 Guam, \$259 million towards the construction of a new Naval Hospital, and \$174 million
11 to be spread out amongst other military construction contracts; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Contractors Association has indicated that the current
13 available work force, construction material throughput of the Port Authority of Guam,
14 utility capacities and existing road conditions, supports a current volume of \$550 million
15 (both private and government sectors) of construction per year on Guam; and

16 **WHEREAS**, studies commissioned by the Joint Guam Program Office (JGPO)
17 have determined that various enhancements to construction capacity are required to
18 increase the volume of construction capacity to \$2.5 billion per year; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it has been estimated that there will be a need for as many as 20,000
2 workers to carry out the construction activities and, in addition, the realignment will
3 require additional workers to move to the island, including non-defense personnel,
4 Department of Defense contractors, and transient military personnel; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, Michael W. Cruz, M.D, first
6 proposed the idea of a public-public partnership during the CNMI's Economic
7 Restoration Summit on April 2nd, 2009; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the military build-up will affect not only Guam, but it will also
9 affect the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and possibly the other APIL
10 jurisdictions; now, therefore,

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 28th
12 General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 9-11, 2009, that Guam seeks the support
13 and assistance of the member jurisdictions to effectively carry out the various activities
14 that are being undertaken to prepare the region for the transfer of elements of the III
15 Marines Expeditionary Force from Okinawa, Japan to Guam; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Guam seeks to enter into inter-
17 governmental agreements with the member jurisdictions to utilize the region's resources
18 as a means of sharing in the economic activity to be realized by the expenditure of \$15
19 billion over the next 5 years; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
21 the Western Micronesian Chief Executives for discussion at their next scheduled meeting;
22 and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Association of Pacific
24 Island Legislatures shall certify, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island
25 Legislatures shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that copies of the same shall be

- 1 thereafter transmitted to the Governor of Guam; to the Speaker of the Guam Legislature;
2 to Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo; to the Chief Executives and Presiding
3 Legislative Officers of the APIL jurisdictions; to Major General David F. Bice, Executive
4 Director, Joint Guam Program Office; and to such other officials and organizations as the
5 President of the APIL deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 2009.

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