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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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-09

“Requesting the leadership of the Federated States of Micronesia to support efforts by the College of Micronesia-FSM to supply trained personnel for the military build-up on Guam.”

1 **WHEREAS**, a U.S. Military Build-up is starting on Guam; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Guam projects a need for 17,000 temporary workers to implement
3 this U.S. Military Build-up; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Compact jurisdictions of Micronesia are in a favored position to
5 supply temporary workers because of their proximity to Guam, their similarity in
6 indigenous culture, their significant available labor pool, and their unrestricted entry into
7 the U.S. under their respective Compacts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) has recognized the
9 opportunity presented by this military build-up and is offering courses in technology and
10 trade programs, including carpentry, building maintenance and repair, refrigeration and
11 air conditioning, cabinet and furniture making, construction, electricity, electronic
12 engineering, and others; and

13 **WHEREAS**, such technology and trade programs are supplemented with courses
14 in English, Mathematics, Computer Skills and Entrepreneurial Skills; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the military build-up will overflow into job creation in other fields,
2 including office skills, public health jobs, hospitality and tourism positions, school
3 teachers for the young dependents of military personnel, and many others; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it behooves the leadership of the FSM to support the efforts of
5 COM-FSM in providing additional courses, additional trained faculty and support
6 personnel, and adequate physical facilities so that COM-FSM may do its part in raising
7 the educational level of Micronesians and providing satisfying careers for its graduates;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, any resources committed by the FSM leadership will pay great
10 dividends in the quality of life of the FSM population, in remittances returned to the
11 home islands, and in satisfaction to the leadership for an important job well done; now,
12 therefore,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the member jurisdictions of the 28th General Assembly
14 of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, held in Pohnpei from June 9-11,
15 2009, hereby support and endorse the aforesaid efforts of COM-FSM, and beseech the
16 leadership of the Federated States of Micronesia to put their full support behind such
17 efforts, particularly by being unstinting in their funding of such efforts; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Association of Pacific
19 Island Legislatures shall certify, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island
20 Legislatures shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that copies thereupon be transmitted

- 1 to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, to the Speaker of the Congress of
2 the Federated States of Micronesia, to the President of the College of Micronesia-FSM,
3 and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all members
4 of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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

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