



# 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-10

“Respectfully requesting the United States Department of Defense and the Governments of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as the private sectors, educational institutions, trade organizations and non-profit associations involved in preparing for the military build-up, to make an extra special effort to extend the benefits of the build-up to the citizens of the Republic of Nauru and the Republic of Kiribati.”

1           **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is an organization of  
2 Legislatures and Parliaments in the Pacific Region, the membership of which includes the  
3 island jurisdictions of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas,  
4 the Island of Guam, the FSM State of Chuuk, the FSM State of Kosrae, the FSM State of  
5 Pohnpei, the FSM State of Yap, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of  
6 Palau, the State of Hawaii, the Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Kiribati; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the APIL convenes each year in a General Assembly to discuss  
8 matters of major importance to the Pacific Islands; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the major theme of this year’s 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is *the Military*  
10 *Build-up on Guam and Our Islands*; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the APIL is cognizant of the fact that the build-up of U.S. military  
12 forces on Guam and the neighboring islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern  
13 Mariana Islands will have far reaching effects, not only for these American islands, but  
14 will dramatically impact defense and security policies throughout all the islands of the  
15 Pacific; and

1       **WHEREAS**, in the plenary sessions of this General Assembly, delegates received  
2 many informative presentations from the public and private sectors of Guam and the  
3 neighboring islands concerning the military build-up and the efforts being undertaken,  
4 both within the government and the community at large, to ensure that the benefits of the  
5 build-up are extended to the whole region; and

6       **WHEREAS**, because of their unique relationship with the United States through  
7 statehood, commonwealth, territorial, and free association status, the citizens of most of  
8 the member jurisdictions of the APIL have ready and easy access to directly participate in  
9 the benefits of the military build-up; however, the citizens of the Republic of Nauru and  
10 the Republic of Kiribati, which don't have that special relationship with the United  
11 States, will need special attention if they are to share in the benefits that the military  
12 build-up is bringing to the region; now, therefore,

13       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 28<sup>th</sup>  
14 General Assembly, on the Island of Pohnpei, June 9-11, 2009, that the APIL hereby  
15 respectfully requests the United States Department of Defense and the Governments of  
16 Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as the private  
17 sectors, educational institutions, trade organizations and non-profit associations involved  
18 in preparing for the military build-up, to make an extra special effort to extend the  
19 benefits of the build-up to the citizens of the Republic of Nauru and the Republic of  
20 Kiribati; and

21       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the  
22 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, to the  
24 Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, to the Speaker of the Legislature  
25 and the Governor of the Island of Guam, to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature and



- 1 the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Speaker of  
2 Parliament and President of the Republic of Nauru, to the Speaker of Parliament and  
3 President of the Republic of Kiribati, to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief  
4 Executive Officers of all the other members of the Association of Pacific Island  
5 Legislatures, and to the principal educational institutions, trades organizations and non-  
6 profit associations involved in preparing the islands for the military build-up.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2009.**

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