



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-13

“Respectfully requesting the United States Department of Defense to commence a dialogue with the APIL member jurisdiction governments to explore appropriate means by which to share with the Pacific Island governments vital information about the surrounding seas, gained through the state of the art technology being emplaced on Guam that can readily and accurately detect and monitor the activities of vessels operating in the Pacific which may be violating national laws and international agreements.”

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

8 **WHEREAS**, the seas that surround the members of the APIL constitute the
9 greatest fisheries resources remaining in the world today; and

10 **WHEREAS**, despite the high priority and close levels of cooperation that the
11 APIL jurisdictions have been devoting to the management of these fisheries resources,
12 our best efforts to prohibit illegal and unsustainable fishing by unlicensed boats and
13 unscrupulous companies are being severely hampered by the extremely high costs of
14 ocean surveillance; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that
2 the U.S. Military Build-Up on the Island of Guam is one of the most significant
3 developments in the Pacific that has occurred in many years; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the build-up of the military on Guam will bring with it
5 unprecedented levels of state of the art technology to our region of the world; and

6 **WHEREAS**, with this advanced technology available to the military on Guam,
7 they will be able to monitor all types of activities in the surrounding seas at astounding
8 levels of sensitivity and accuracy; and

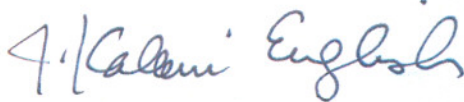
9 **WHEREAS**, it is the further sense of the APIL that through the sharing of
10 information regarding the activities of vessels that enter the two hundred mile resource
11 zones of the APIL jurisdictions, the U.S. military could provide a very valuable service
12 to the Pacific Islanders, helping us to dramatically reduce the cost of necessary
13 surveillance and law enforcement within our managed resource zones; now, therefore,

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 28th
15 General Assembly, Island of Pohnpei, June 9-11, 2009, that the APIL hereby
16 respectfully requests the United States Department of Defense to commence a dialogue
17 with the APIL member jurisdiction governments to explore appropriate means by which
18 to share with the Pacific Island Governments vital information about the surrounding
19 seas, gained through the state of the art technology being emplaced on Guam that can
20 readily and accurately detect and monitor the activities of vessels operating in the
21 Pacific which may be violating national laws and international agreements; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
23 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, to the
25 Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, to the U.S. Defense

- 1 Representative for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the
2 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau, and to the Chief Executives
3 and Presiding Legislative Officers of each of the members of the Association of Pacific
4 Island Legislatures.

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



J. KALANI ENGLISH
APIL PRESIDENT



JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
APIL SECRETARY

