



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-14

“Expressing the commendation and appreciation of the 28th Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) General Assembly to all the Presenters for the informative and thorough presentation to the Assembly.”

1 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mary Okada, the President of the Guam Community College
2 (GCC), which is a crucial training facility developing the programs to prepare and certify
3 workers for various industries on Guam and in the surrounding Micronesian Islands,
4 particularly in advance of the military build-up in the region and the corresponding
5 tremendous increase in construction and other industries, made a presentation to the
6 APIL on the subject, “Guam Community College’s Training Programs”; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Spensin James, the President of the College of Micronesia FSM,
8 which is a crucial training facility tasked with developing the programs to prepare and
9 certify workers for various industries on Pohnpei and in the surrounding Micronesian
10 Islands, particularly in advance of the military build-up in the region and the
11 corresponding tremendous increase in construction and other industries, made a
12 presentation to APIL on the subject, “Trade Programs available and ongoing in the
13 Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)”; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Senator Tom Ada, Chairman; Committee on Utilities, Transportation,
15 Public Works and Veterans Affairs, presented to the APIL “Getting the Infrastructure in
16 Place: A Legislative Chairman’s Perspective”; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Joseph Bradley, Vice President, Economic and Market Statistics,
18 Bank of Guam, who with the support of the Bank of Guam did present to the 28th General
19 Assembly an informative and thorough presentation on the economic outlook for the

1 islands during the global recession and in light of the military build-up in the region,
2 which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their
3 governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Representative Glenn Wakai and Ryan Oishi, Reach Out Pacific
5 (REPAC), did present to the 28th General Assembly an informative and thorough
6 presentation on REPAC's continuing efforts to service Micronesia, particularly in the
7 areas of health and education, which will assist the member legislatures in further
8 positioning themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their
9 citizens from REPAC, an APIL sponsored non-profit organization; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Carlotta Leon Guerrero, a former APIL President and the current
11 Chief of Staff, Lt. Governor's Office, Island of Guam, did present to the 28th General
12 Assembly an informative and focused update on regional opportunities derived from the
13 military build-up on Guam from her perspective, which presentation will assist the
14 member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their governments to derive the
15 greatest benefits for their citizens from the military expansion in the region; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Conchita S.N. Taitano, of the Air and Land Program, Guam
17 Environmental Protection Agency, did present to the 28th General Assembly an
18 informative and thorough presentation on the background and progress of the
19 Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future, and its continuing efforts to service
20 Micronesia, which presentation will assist the member legislatures in further positioning
21 themselves; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Chris Sampson, Deputy Director, Technology and Innovation,
23 Department of Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts, Tasmania State Government,
24 Australia, made a presentation on "Using the power of web technology to support Island
25 Communities and Governments"; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gary Sword, Sales and Marketing Manager, e-Solutions, did
27 present to the 28th APIL General Assembly on "Software Solutions and Consulting on
28 Grant Writing"; and

1 **WHEREAS**, all the above mentioned Presenters provided the 28th APIL General
2 Assembly with an informative and thorough presentation on the programs available and
3 being developed which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning
4 themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; now,
5 therefore,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 28th
7 General Assembly, June 9-11, 2009, Pohnpei, that the members of the APIL General
8 Assembly do hereby express their sincere appreciation to all the Presenters for the fine
9 and informative presentations given; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Association of Pacific
11 Island Legislatures shall certify, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island
12 Legislatures shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that copies thereupon be transmitted
13 to the respective Presenters and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief
14 Executive Officers of all member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island
15 Legislatures.

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

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