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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 30-GA-11

“Expressing profound sympathy to the people and government of Japan in the face of the devastating destruction and loss wrought by the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2011, Japan was struck by Tohoku, a 9.0 magnitude
2 earthquake that triggered a tsunami that ravaged the northeastern part of Japan and claimed more
3 than fifteen thousand (15,000) lives, and displaced more than one hundred thousand (100,000)
4 people from their homes, particularly in the prefectures of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima; and

5 **WHEREAS**, , the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hold the
6 people and government of Japan particularly close to our hearts and are unified in our deep
7 sadness over the enormous destruction and loss of life in Japan; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the members of APIL believe deeply that we are all citizens of the world
9 and that, when a devastating event occurs in one part of the world, we must all share the burden
10 and the sorrow of those directly affected; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the events of March 11, 2011 will live on in the memory of not only Japan,
12 but in the memory of APIL members’ residents who viewed the events on television with a heavy
13 heart as they sought to console the Japanese members of their communities; and


14 **WHEREAS**, in light of the relationship between Japan and the member jurisdictions of
15 the APIL and the generosity and friendship that Japan has shown towards APIL’s member
16 entities in the form of grants, training and technical assistance without which APIL’s member
17 entities would not have achieved the development goals and steps towards economic
18 independence of which our people are so proud, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
19 offers the people of Japan our heart-felt condolences and prayers, our friendship and support, and
20 our deep and profound wishes for a rapid recovery; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 30th General
2 Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15-17, 2011, that the Association of Pacific Island
3 Legislatures extends our sympathy, friendship, and sincere condolences to the victims and
4 bereaved families of the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER REOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
6 Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution and that copies of the same shall be
7 transmitted to the Prime Minister of Japan and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding
8 Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2011


REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT


ALIK J. ALIK
APIL SECRETARY

