



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 30-GA-15

“Authorizing and requesting the APIL leadership to apply the influence of our Association within the international community and among philanthropic organizations to assist the Chuuk Government in their earnest search for the necessary funding for the Legislature to build a new legislative complex for Chuuk State.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk State Legislature complex succumbed to conflagration in the early
2 morning hours of April 30, 2011; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the loss to both houses of the Legislature was total and overwhelmed the
4 meager finances of the Chuuk State Government; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2011, the Governor of Chuuk State declared a state of
6 emergency permitting the reprogramming of funds to assist the Legislature, however, there are
7 woefully insufficient funds available; and

8 **WHEREAS**, there are no alternative sites belonging to the Government of Chuuk State to
9 relocate the Legislature; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk State Legislative complex had been the home of the two houses of
11 the Chuuk Legislature for more than two decades and, other than utilities, there were no
12 recurring monthly costs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk State Government operates on limited funds derived primarily
14 from its share of Compact funds provided by the United States and simply does not have the
15 resources to build or otherwise acquire a new home; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk State Legislature is exploring any and all possible financial and in-
2 kind assistance from every possible source, including its sister legislatures, to acquire sufficient
3 resources to move forward, but the challenge is daunting since all the legislatures in the region
4 are also facing serious budgetary shortfalls; but

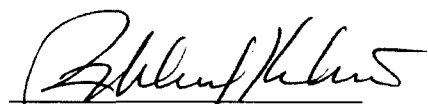
5 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has, in its own name, acquired
6 substantial recognition and extensive standing within the international community and with non-
7 governmental organizations, which can and should be utilized in the efforts of the Chuuk
8 Government to find sufficient grants and donations to help the Legislature rebuild its legislative
9 complex; now, therefore,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 30th General
11 Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15-17, 2011, that the leadership of the APIL is authorized
12 and requested to apply the influence of our Association within the international community and
13 among philanthropic organizations to assist the Chuuk Government in its earnest search for the
14 necessary funding for the Legislature to build a new home for the people's representative
15 assembly of Chuuk State; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED** that in its cooperative search for new funding, the
17 APIL leadership is challenged to help the Chuuk Government seek out innovative solutions
18 which will result in the design and construction of a complex which will stand strong against the
19 ravages of fire and typhoons, but more importantly, will shine forth brightly as a monument
20 against the adversities of our time, inspiring the people of Chuuk to fully embrace the importance
21 of representative democracy to speak for them in the governance of their state and in the
22 development of their islands; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
2 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies be transmitted to the Chief
3 Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of
4 the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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



REBLUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT



ALIK J. ALIK
APIL SECRETARY

