



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

APIL Resolution No. 30-GA-20

‘Relative to establishing within the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures a Standing Committee on Regional Networks and Multilateral Governance.’

1 **WHEREAS**, one of the primary goals of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is to foster
2 inter-island and regional cooperation among the island communities represented within the Association’s
3 membership as a means of developing solutions to the social, economic, environmental and cultural
4 challenges that are faced by all; and

5 **WHEREAS**, many of the concerns faced by the individual island communities, such as protection
6 of the environment and natural resources, are to a large extent regional and multilateral concerns that
7 necessitate regional and multilateral solutions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, through the collaborative efforts of not only island governments, but also non-
9 governmental organizations and multi-lateral institutions, the island communities represented in the
10 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures can maximize available resources and expertise as well as
11 provide more coordinated and effective action to address the many issues of concern to our
12 constituencies; and

13 **WHEREAS** the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has an abiding interest in encouraging
14 the development and continuance of regional and multilateral institutions such as the Pacific Islands
15 Development Bank, the Pacific Island Health Officers Association, the AYUDA Foundation, Reach Out
16 Pacific, the Digital Society Foundation, the Micronesian Youth Services Network, the Regional Invasive
17 Species Council, the Pacific Islands Regional Resource Recovery Initiative Council, the Micronesian
18 Fiber Optic Cable, the Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future, and others; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is integral to the purpose of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that this
20 organization be fully cognizant of ongoing regional concerns and emerging opportunities and challenges
21 such as climate change; renewable, clean and natural energy; regional recycling; regional tourism; inter-
22 island trade; regional health care; bridging the digital divide; education; and the United States
23 Realignment of Military Forces in the Pacific; and

1 **WHEREAS**, given the breadth of these many regional and multilateral organizations,
2 institutions, and concerns, it would serve the functions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to
3 establish an appropriate standing committee with the mandate of developing recommendations for the
4 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures General Assembly relative to these organizations and issues;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, Article VI of the By-Laws of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures identifies
7 each of the standing committees of this Association and sets out in detail their respective jurisdictions and
8 responsibilities; and

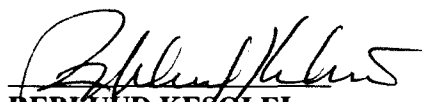
9 **WHEREAS**, Article VI of the By-Laws further provides that "*The Board of Directors may,*
10 *from time to time, appoint standing or special committees, or task forces, as it*
11 *may deem advisable and shall provide for their powers and duties*"; now,
12 therefore,


13 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 30th General Assembly,
14 Republic of Palau, June 15-17, 2011, that the President of the APIL is requested to place on the agenda of
15 the next meeting of the APIL Board of Directors a copy of this Resolution conveying the sense of the 30th
16 General Assembly that the APIL should formally establish and maintain a Standing Committee on
17 Regional Networks and Collaboration with purview on regional and multilateral organizations,
18 institutions, and concerns; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in preparation for the next Board meeting, the President is
20 requested to join together an interim working group of interested individuals from within the APIL to
21 prepare a prospectus for the Board of Directors on the opportunities and challenges which will confront
22 this new committee upon its establishment; and

23 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the
24 adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to each member of the APIL Board of
25 Directors, and to the Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of
26 Pacific Island Legislatures.

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


REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT


ALIK J. ALIK
APIL SECRETARY

