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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 30-GA-21

“Encouraging the Federated States of Micronesia to collaborate and enhance the economic flexibility of regional telecommunication services by liberalization of the industry in its jurisdiction.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the quality, reliable, affordable and efficient telecommunications services are
2 important components for economic and social development of the FSM States and most
3 especially for the development of the private sector and improvement of our education and health
4 services systems; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the result of the survey conducted among FSM leaders on February 7, 2009
6 by the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure evidenced the
7 overwhelming need for improved services and costs in the area of telecommunications in the
8 Federated States of Micronesia; however, the current enacting law of the sole
9 telecommunications provider in the FSM precludes other entities from providing
10 telecommunications services; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a healthy, developing, and stable economy is contingent on supply, demand,
12 and existence of a vigorous market without sole monopolistic tendencies; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the geographical nature of the Federated States of Micronesia further
14 necessitates the need for reliable communications infrastructure to improve and enhance
15 educational programs, distance learning, conferencing, health campaigns, and various essential
16 other needs of the rural communities and populace; and


1 **WHEREAS**, a competitive market would most probably affect a decrease in costs of
2 service to the consumers of telecommunication services and this would in turn expand the market
3 to allow access by more users to the services to be provided; now, therefore,

4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 30th General
5 Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15-17, 2011, that APIL hereby encourages the Federated
6 States of Micronesia to collaborate and enhance the economic flexibility of regional
7 telecommunication services by liberalization of the industry in its jurisdiction; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER REOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
9 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies be transmitted to the Executive
10 Director of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation and the Chief Executives and Legislative
11 Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island
12 Legislatures.

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


REBLUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT


ALIK J. ALIK
APIL SECRETARY

