



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. 31-GA-05, CD1

“Relative to strengthening formal collaborative efforts between the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and the Micronesia Chief Executives’ Summit (MCES).”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) is an assembly of
2 representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands who meet periodically to consider matters of
3 mutual interest in areas where regional cooperation, coordination, exchange and assistance would
4 help individual governments achieve their goals through collective action, and to address in
5 depth, the substantive regional and international issues facing the emerging Pacific governments;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit (MCES) shares a noble
8 endeavor of coming together to address the common challenges unique to small island
9 developing states, and given the extraordinary opportunities within the region to preserve,
10 leverage, and integrate indigenous, natural, and human resource systems and to establish
11 processes of collaborative governance, in order that the MCES may coordinate and implement
12 regional strategies to assist its member jurisdictions; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the APIL has undertaken bold, innovative, and progressive initiatives
14 designed to address, bolster and sustain regional economies; preserve and promote our respective
15 and unique island cultures; , and preserve and promote our indigenous, natural, and human
16 natural resources for the mutual benefit of our Pacific peoples; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the APIL is a body comprised of legislative members from the respective
2 regional governments wherein such bodies actively contribute to the development of laws and
3 policies that affect their respective peoples; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the APIL acknowledges and appreciates the role of chief executives in
5 jointly governing each member jurisdiction; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the APIL endeavors and desires to strengthen a formal collaborative
7 effort between the APIL, which is comprised of representatives of regional legislative bodies, and
8 the MCES, which is comprised of regional chief executives in order that such collaboration may
9 lead to greater unity and synergy in adopting and promulgating plans and policies designed for
10 the stability and prosperity of the Pacific region; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the APIL hereby directs that the president of the APIL effectuate such
12 collaborative efforts in consultation with the MCES leadership as observers and presenters and
13 that such efforts include but not be limited to collaboration between APIL and MCES members
14 or between APIL and MCES officers; now, therefore,

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 31st General
16 Assembly, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23, 2012, that the APIL
17 and the MCES strengthen a formal collaborative effort by holding a legislative executive summit
18 conference at least once a year; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL fully supports the work and initiative
20 of Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) in "Calling for a Health, Non-
21 Communicable Law and Policy Summit" to bring together the MCES, the APIL, Micronesian
22 Traditional Leaders, Chief Health Executives (PIHOA), and world experts (WHO, CDC, SPC,

1 etc.) to review the large body of law and policy experience in addressing NCDs with the view
2 that templates of such NCD laws and policies may assist chief executives and legislators in
3 addressing the NCD crisis in their respective jurisdictions; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
5 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the
6 President of PIHOA, to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member
7 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to the current chair of the
8 Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit (MCES).

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 22nd DAY OF JUNE, 2012.



REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT



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ACTING SECRETARY

