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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 31-GA-09

“Expressing and conveying the deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late retired Sergeant First Class, E-7, United States Army, Pohnpei State Police Captain, Police Academy Training Officer and Scouting Coordinator, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens of Pohnpei for his untimely passing.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on August 11, 1934, the well-known, deeply respected and beloved Mr.
2 Frank Mendiola Semens was born on Ebon Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2012, Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens passed away at the age of
4 78 at the De Los Santos Medical Center, Quezon City in the Philippines; and

5 **WHEREAS**, as a young man, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens attended Father
6 Duenas Memorial High School on Guam and graduated in 1953; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens was enlisted into the United States
8 Army on January 19, 1954 at the Naval Station on Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens served in the Vietnam War from June
10 25, 1965 to June 2, 1966 and also from October 22, 1969 to October 12, 1970; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens received three Purple Heart medals for
12 his services in the Vietnam War; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens received a honorable discharge from
14 the U.S. Army with the rank of Sergeant First Class, E-7, on May 30, 1976 at Fort Polk,
15 Louisiana, United States of America; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the distinguished military career and the honors received by the late Mr.
17 Frank Mendiola Semens have been verified by the U.S. Veterans Office on Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, after retiring from the United States Army, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola
2 Semens returned to his home island of Pohnpei, FSM where he devoted himself and his many
3 talents obtained from his years of military service to the betterment of this state; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens was employed by the Pohnpei State
5 Government as a Police Captain from October 22, 1983 to August 11, 1994; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens, after retiring from his position as a
7 Police Captain, was contracted as an Academy Training Officer by the Pohnpei State
8 Government from August 12, 1994 to September 30, 1995; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens was again contracted as a Scouting
10 Coordinator by the Pohnpei State Government from May 1999 to December 1999; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens was once more contracted as a Police
12 Academy Officer by the Pohnpei State Government from July 2, 2000 to October 7, 2007; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maria
14 Weilbacher Semens; his four children, two sons and two daughters; and his many grandchildren;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, his devotion to his family and to his community will truly be missed by his
17 wife, his family, his relatives and his friends who relied on his love, his energy, his support and
18 his kindness throughout his long and productive life; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the public services provided by the United States Army Sergeant First
20 Class, E-7, Pohnpei State Government Police Captain, Pohnpei State Academy Training Officer
21 and Pohnpei State Scouting Coordinator, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens, will surely be
22 missed by his fellow veterans who have returned to Pohnpei after active military service and have
23 been deeply moved by his personal guidance and close companionship and by our policemen and
24 policewomen within the field of public safety who have greatly benefited from the example of

1 his dedication to excellence in the provision of public services to our state and our people; now,
2 therefore,

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 31st General
4 Assembly, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23, 2012, on behalf of all
5 member jurisdictions does hereby express its deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the
6 family, relatives and friends of Sergeant First Class, E-7, the U.S. Army, Pohnpei State
7 Government Police Captain, Pohnpei State Academy Training Officer and Pohnpei State
8 Scouting Coordinator, the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
10 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies shall be transmitted to the President of
11 the Federated State of Micronesia; Speaker of the FSM Congress; U.S Veterans Office, Island of
12 Guam; to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of
13 the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures and to Mrs. Maria Weilbacher Semens, the widow
14 of the late Mr. Frank Mendiola Semens.

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

REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT

CHANG WILLIAM
ACTING SECRETARY

