



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-11

“Relative to requesting the Micronesia Chief Executives’ Summit (MCES) to adopt and promulgate the Blue Continent Free Trade Agreement to assist the advancement of APIL and MCES member island economies.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), an assembly of
2 elected legislative representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands, now more than ever,
3 continues to see the need to equitably, peaceably, and judiciously establish, maintain, and
4 promote the economic, political, and social advancement of our peoples; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the APIL adopted and further affirmed their united position relative to
6 strengthening our Pacific peoples and governments through trade and economic accords that
7 mutually benefit APIL member nations and territories through the passage of two resolutions
8 that call for member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to facilitate,
9 encourage and promote free trade among island countries and states in the Pacific Region
10 (Resolution No. 51-BOD-03 adopted on December 03, 2010) and relative to establishing the
11 Blue Continent Free Trade Agreement between the governments of the participating states and
12 territories who are members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (Resolution No.
13 52-BOD-01, CD1 adopted on November 16-17, 2011); and

1 **WHEREAS**, the APIL acknowledges and appreciates the noble role of the Micronesia
2 Chief Executives' Summit (MCES) whose mission, in part, is to coordinate and implement
3 regional strategies to assist its member jurisdictions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the APIL acknowledges and appreciates the distinct role of governors,
5 presidents, and other chief executives within each of the respective member jurisdictions to
6 implement and enforce law and policy; now, therefore,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 31st General
8 Assembly, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23, 2012, that the APIL
9 formally and respectfully calls upon the members of the Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit
10 (MCES) to also adopt and promulgate free trade initiatives for the mutual benefit of APIL and
11 MCES member jurisdiction island economies; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
13 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies be transmitted to the Chief
14 Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of
15 Pacific Island Legislatures and to the current chair of the Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit
16 (MCES).

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



REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT



CHANG WILLIAM
ACTING SECRETARY

