



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-13

“Requesting each member state to mandate foreign governments, corporations, investors, and other businesses and entrepreneurs who are interested in conducting scientific research and studies, military development, mining, fishing, filming, photography, and other commercial activities within the political jurisdiction and boundaries of the member states of the APIL, to comply with the laws and regulations of the State requiring the licensing and permits of such undertaking, and the contribution of a certain percentage of dividends from revenues earned from such projects to the State where such project or activity is performed.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the lands and waters within the political jurisdiction and boundaries of the member
2 states of the APIL hold a wealth of valuable resources that attract foreign governments, including the
3 United States, foreign corporation/investors, others doing scientific research and studies, and other
4 businesses to explore and profit from; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the landscape of the APIL region (land and water) also offers opportunities in
6 filming, photography, and others that have attracted foreign businesses and entrepreneurs in such
7 ventures; and

8 **WHEREAS**, such projects or undertakings by foreign governments, including the United States,
9 foreign corporation/investors, other businesses and entrepreneurs, may be authorized by the respective
10 member states of the APIL which shall guarantee to the state the payment of license fees and the
11 contribution of a certain percentage of the dividends of the earnings from such projects, and

12 **WHEREAS**, the member states of the APIL are requested to work cooperatively toward enacting
13 rules and regulations for the issuance and payment of license or permit fees and others for such ventures,
14 and to share with other states of the APIL useful information regarding such rules and regulations,
15 management and control of such wealth and resources; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislature, 31st General Assembly,
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20 – 23, 2012, that the Association of Pacific
3 Island Legislature finds and acknowledges the need for the member entities of the APIL to require and
4 mandate foreign governments, including the United States, foreign corporation/investors, other
5 businesses, and entrepreneurs who are interested in the wealth and resources of a member state of the
6 APIL, and venturing into scientific research and studies, military development (land, sea, and air),
7 mining, fishing, including filming, photography, and other commercial activities to apply for permits or
8 licenses before conducting such operations or projects; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the member states shall require licensees or the permit
10 holders to contribute to the state a certain percentage of any dividends that are derived from revenues and
11 earned from such undertakings, and to provide copies of films or videos to all APIL member states for
12 educational purposes so that our people will have knowledge about our surrounding waters; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary
14 shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives
15 and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island
16 Legislatures.

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



REBLUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT



CHANG WILLIAM
ACTING SECRETARY

