



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-19

“Expressing appreciation of the 31st General Assembly of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) to all the Presenters for the informative and thorough presentation to the Assembly.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the theme for the 31st General Assembly of APIL is “Economic
2 Development: *Strengthening Local Economies throughout the Blue Continent*”; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vincent Tafileluw, Sales and Marketing Manager spoke of Yap’s
4 tourism industry, and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Grant Ismael, General Manager of the Kosrae Visitors Bureau
6 presented on the challenges and opportunities that exist in Kosrae; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Perry Tenorio, Managing Director of the Marianas Visitors Authority
8 presented on the tourism industry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Joann Camacho, General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau
10 presented on the tourism industry on the island of Guam and the importance of the internet and
11 social networking sites to the travel industry; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Quentin Koch, Director, Sales and Marketing- Guam and Micronesia
13 for United Airlines, in his presentation, reassured the APIL Members on United’s commitment
14 to providing reliable services throughout Micronesia”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gerry Perez, President, Micronesia Cruise Association (MCA),
2 talked about “Micronesia as an Emerging Regional Cruise Industry Opportunity”; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ittel, Partner & VP of Ports and Maritime Division, Bermello, Ajami &
4 Partners, Inc. presented new and valuable information on “Creating the Policy Framework for a
5 Viable Cruise Industry”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Chris Sampson, President, Digital Society Foundation presented on
7 “Underpinning Economic Development in a Digital Age: Connecting the Blue Continent”; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Senator Glenn Wakai, President, Reach Out Pacific (REPAC) made a
9 presentation on contributions to various member states of books, linen, toys, and other supplies;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mel Catalma General Manager, Saipan Aquaculture and Mr. Tony
12 Pelligrino both made a presentation on “Aquaculture” and how the CNMI is recognized as a
13 major producer of shrimp and broodstock world-wide; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Michael Ogo, Aquaculture Specialist & Program Leader of the
15 Aquaculture & Fisheries Program, from NMC CREES presented on “Agriculture/Open Cage”;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Richard Seman, Acting Director, DLNR, Division of Fish & Wildlife
18 presented on “Fisheries” and displayed interesting images of local recreation and commercial
19 fishing; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Robert Richmond, Research Professor, University of Hawaii’s Kewalo
2 Marine Laboratory and Dr. Meg Caldwell, Executive Director, Center for Ocean Solutions both
3 presented “What Every Pacific Island Leader should know about Climate Change”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Steven Kuartei, President, Pacific Island Health Officers Association
5 (PIHOA) and Dr. Greg Dever, Regional Human Resources for Health Coordinator, (PIHOA)
6 both presented “NCDs and the proposed MCES, APIL, and Traditional Leaders NCD Law and
7 Policy Summit”; and

8 **WHEREAS**, all the above mentioned Presenters provided the 31st APIL General
9 Assembly with an informative and thorough presentation on the programs available and being
10 developed which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their
11 governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; now, therefore,

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 31st General
13 Assembly, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23, 2012, that the
14 members of the APIL General Assembly do hereby express their sincere appreciation to all the
15 Presenters for the fine and informative presentations given; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Association of Pacific Island
17 Legislatures shall certify, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
18 shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that copies thereupon be transmitted to the respective
19 Presenters, namely: Mr. Vincent Tafileluw, Mrs. Joann Camacho, Mr. Grant Ismael, Mr. Perry

- 1 Tenorio, Mr. Quentin Koch, Mr. Gerry Perez, Mr. Mark Ittel, Mr. Chris Sampson, Mr. Mel
2 Catalma, Mr. Tony Pelligrino, Mr. Michael Ogo, Mr. Richard Seman, Dr. Robert Richmond, Dr.
3 Meg Caldwell, Senator Glenn Wakai, Dr. Greg Dever, Dr. Steven Kuartei and to the Presiding
4 Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all member jurisdictions of the
5 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

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



REBLUUD KESOLEI
APIL PRESIDENT



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ACTING SECRETARY

