



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

APIL Resolution No. 32-GA-02

“Encouraging the member governments of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to support the efforts of member states to establish a fiber optic communication infrastructure for the advancement of national development.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General Assembly
2 Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 25-27, 2013, finds that this era has often been called
3 the “Information Age”, “Digital Age”, or “Digital Revolution”, and as the internet and the
4 advancement of information communication technology has massively expanded, the
5 accessibility and availability of information has significantly enhanced information sharing; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the world’s growing dependence on information communication
7 technology for commerce and social interaction has created a demand for speed and efficiency in
8 communication, and the advancement of information communication technology has permitted
9 the world community to freely interact and exchange information; and

10 **WHEREAS**, some APIL members states currently have existing internet bandwidth that
11 is technically inadequate to meet the growing demand for bandwidth, particularly broadband
12 internet connectivity, in contrast to the capabilities of APIL member states that have installed
13 fiber optic cables; and

14 **WHEREAS**, broadband internet connectivity is essential to the future expansion of APIL
15 member states’ economies and the improvement of the educational and medical services
16 provided to the people of the member states; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a fiber optic communication infrastructure for member
18 states that lack such an infrastructure is critical to strengthening the bonds between the member
19 countries of the Pacific Islands, because with improved information technology communication the
20 bond between and among our countries will become stronger through efficient information sharing and
21 communication; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General
2 Assembly, Honolulu Hawaii, June 25-27, 2013, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
3 hereby encourages the member entities of the APIL to support the efforts of member states to establish
4 a fiber optic communication infrastructure for the advancement of national development; and

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2013.



JUDITH T. WON PAT ED.D.
PRESIDENT



CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY

