



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-04

“Encouraging the member governments of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to take measures to implement renewable energy projects and establish national energy frameworks, to seek assistance in establishing renewable energy programs, and to communicate with other member governments about their successes and challenges in developing renewable energy projects.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General Assembly
2 Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 25-27, 2013, finds that the use of fossil fuels to meet
3 energy demands imposes a heavy economic cost on Pacific island nations that import all their
4 fossil fuels and exposes those nations to price fluctuations, and, in addition, contributes to the
5 production of greenhouse gasses that exacerbate climate change; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the realization of a sustainable energy future depends on extracting energy
7 from renewable sources, including the sun, wind, rain, and tides, thereby easing the transition
8 away from dependence on fossil fuels; and

9 **WHEREAS**, APIL member states have been successful in implementing renewable
10 energy projects as part of an overall program of increasing efficiency in energy use and have
11 been able to develop their respective private sectors; and

12 **WHEREAS**, APIL member states’ programs of energy efficiency and renewable energy
13 are nascent and require additional budgetary resources as well as an increased governmental
14 commitment in order for such programs to see continued success that may include the creation of
15 a national framework to lay the foundation for the development of a comprehensive energy
16 policy; and

1 **WHEREAS**, APIL member states have received assistance from numerous sources
2 including the European Union, the governments of Australia, Italy and Austria that has helped
3 these states to pursue energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and such assistance has
4 been crucial to developing energy efficiency and renewable energy programs; and

5 **WHEREAS**, because the establishment of renewable energy projects presents an important
6 issue for small nations, communication between Pacific island nations about successes and challenges
7 in pursuing and implementing renewable energy projects will benefit each member nation; now,
8 therefore,

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General
10 Assembly, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 25-27, 2013, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
11 hereby encourages the member entities of the APIL to seek international consulting assistance in
12 creating frameworks, establishing national energy policies, evaluating existing policies, creating
13 renewable energy projects, and sharing information with other member entities regarding the successes
14 and the challenges relating to establishing renewable energy projects and policies; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
16 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to
17 the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the
18 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

