



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-06

“Encouraging the member governments of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to develop and implement national healthcare programs that guarantee universal access to affordable, quality healthcare.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 32nd General Assembly
2 Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on June 25-27, 2013, finds that access to quality healthcare is
3 essential to enhancing an individual’s ability to achieve the highest possible quality of life; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations recently adopted a resolution entitled “Global Health
5 and Foreign Policy” urging member governments to make efforts to transition towards systems
6 that provide universal access to affordable and quality healthcare, and providing that ensuring
7 such access is the responsibility of every government; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the implementation of a national universal healthcare system has proven
9 successful in many countries, including nearly all of the developed world, and many small
10 developing nations including the Republic of Palau which recently launched a national
11 healthcare program with promising initial results; and

12 **WHEREAS**, APIL member states face many of the same challenges in ensuring access to
13 healthcare, including the lack of qualified medical personnel and crucial medical equipment on the
14 islands, which necessitates the use of medical referrals for medical services; and

15 **WHEREAS**, rising healthcare costs and insurance premiums present a common challenge
16 for all APIL member states seeking to improve their citizens’ access to healthcare services and
17 reduce the financial burden of the cost of health services on individuals and member states; now,
18 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 in their
4 efforts to develop national healthcare programs, to share information regarding the experiences of
5 member states in implementing national healthcare, and to consider the feasibility of a regional health
6 insurance program to help guarantee universal access to affordable, quality healthcare; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
8 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to
9 the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the
10 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**

