



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. 34-GA-07

“Recognizing the urgent need to enact legislation and/or to establish guiding policies to provide for the organization of the Protected Areas Network for Micronesia and to effectuate the disbursement of funds from the Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund and other sustainable revenue sources to Micronesian communities to improve the management of their protected areas.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) has endorsed the
2 regional Marine Protected Areas Network across the Pacific Islands in Resolution No. 25-
3 GA-06, CD1; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in December of 2006, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of
5 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Territory of Guam, and the
6 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands entered into a regional Executive
7 Consultation and Agreement entitled the “Micronesia Challenge” (MC); and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Micronesia Challenge is an integral component to our regional
9 success in conserving our marine and forest resources, protecting our environment for food
10 security and sustainable development for our people, and facilitating a uniform system for the
11 preservation and protection of protected areas on a regional level; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Micronesia Challenge calls on participating jurisdictions to
13 effectively conserve thirty percent (30%) of near shore marine resources and twenty percent
14 (20%) of forest resources throughout Micronesia by the year 2020; and

15 **WHEREAS**, effective conservation under the Micronesia Challenge also includes the
16 establishment of sustainable financing in the form of an endowment fund and other organized
17 financing mechanisms such as Protected Areas Network (PAN) Funds and Green Fees that
18 will ensure the sustainable financing of the Micronesia Challenge; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Micronesian communities are ready to receive and utilize the
2 Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund earnings to improve the management of their
3 protected areas; and

4 **WHEREAS**, disbursement of the proceeds from the Micronesia Challenge
5 Endowment Fund requires an organized structure for disbursement which can be
6 accomplished through the enactment of Protected Areas Network legislation and/or the
7 establishment of Guiding Policies; now, therefore,

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 34th General
9 Assembly, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Association of Pacific Island
10 Legislatures hereby requests that all jurisdictions participating in the Micronesia Challenge
11 recognize the urgent need to enact Protected Areas Network legislation and/or to establish
12 Guiding Policies to provide for the organization of the Protected Areas Network for
13 Micronesia and to effectuate the disbursement of funds from the Micronesia Challenge
14 Endowment Fund and other sustainable revenue sources to the Micronesian communities to
15 improve the management of their protected areas; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
17 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall thereafter be
18 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member
19 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to the President and the
20 Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2015.



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

