



# 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-14

**“Expressing full support of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures in encouraging the establishment of a network of mutual investment opportunities among the member jurisdictions of the APIL which network will offer similar incentives and benefits for existing small businesses seeking to expand within the Pacific region.”**

1       **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)  
2 is to organize a permanent association of mutual assistance by representatives of the  
3 peoples of the Pacific Islands; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the APIL supports the full range of legislative issues including, but  
5 not limited to, resources and economic development, commerce, energy, regional security  
6 and defense, communications, cultural appreciation, health and social services, education,  
7 agriculture, air and sea transportation, aquaculture, sports and recreation, youth and  
8 senior citizens, tourism, finance, political status, external relations, and development  
9 banking; and

10       **WHEREAS**, for almost four decades, the APIL has fostered mutual cooperation  
11 in these areas, benefiting our people, fostering increased business activity, and improving  
12 prosperity within our islands; and

13       **WHEREAS**, all members have in one way or another, participated, shared, and  
14 benefited from the mutual collaboration and successes in addressing significant issues  
15 through APIL; and

16       **WHEREAS**, within the Pacific region, all APIL members are faced with similar  
17 issues such as shipping, fuel costs, logistics, storage, and spoilage which impact the cost  
18 of doing business and which bring additional risks in operating a business; and

1           **WHEREAS**, factors in the cost of doing business are also dependent on various  
2 legal issues including, but not limited to, taxes, government incentives, governmental  
3 processes and government regulations, as these issues are inherent in the decisions to  
4 establish and operate a business; and

5           **WHEREAS**, there are numerous small businesses in our region that have  
6 established themselves as major contributors to the success of our economic development  
7 and which are functioning as community-oriented partners, fostering growth, providing  
8 gainful employment, and improving the quality of the lives of island citizens; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in the interest of adhering to the mission of APIL, it would be most  
10 beneficial in our quest for increased and controlled economic development, for our  
11 members to offer mutual incentives and streamlined processes for existing businesses in  
12 our region desiring to establish themselves within other member island jurisdictions;  
13 now, therefore,

14           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 34<sup>th</sup>  
15 General Assembly, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that the delegates of the  
16 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby express the full support of the  
17 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures in encouraging the establishment of a network  
18 of mutual investment opportunities among the member jurisdictions of the APIL which  
19 network will offer similar incentives and benefits for existing small businesses seeking to  
20 expand within the Pacific region; and

- 1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President shall certify and the APIL  
2 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall thereafter  
3 be transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member  
4 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2015.**

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**KENNETH A. KEDI**  
**PRESIDENT**

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**FERNANDO SCALIEM**  
**SECRETARY**

