



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-15

“Reaffirming the declarations on Climate Change by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that foster cooperation among Pacific Island countries by calling on APIL member states and entities to continue to press for the reduction of greenhouse gases globally.”

1 **WHEREAS**, we, the assembled delegates of the 34th General Assembly of
2 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), wish to express to the
3 World our perception of the real threats that climate change now pose to the
4 economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being and security of the Pacific
5 Island states; and

6 **WHEREAS**, we further wish to identify publicly the current slow-pace of
7 efforts and commitments to tackle climate change, and the lack of positive
8 responses to public calls to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to ensure the survival
9 of the human species; and

10 **WHEREAS**, efforts are currently underway toward a final agreement
11 among nations, first agreed and begun in 1992, under the United Nations
12 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which is due to be
13 completed by December 2015; and

14 **WHEREAS**, continuing negotiations for the UNFCCC include adapting to
15 the impact of climate change and financing to assist lower-income countries,
16 inclusive of the APIL states; however, the Intended Nationally Determined
17 Contributions (INDCs) remain an undecided issue; and

18 **WHEREAS**, these and further details of climate change have been
19 published by US Congressional Research Service (CRS) Report R44092 on July 1,

1 2015, entitled “Greenhouse Gas Pledges by Parties to the United Nations
2 Framework Convention on Climate Change”, among other CRS publications
3 referenced therein; and

4 **WHEREAS**, we, the assembled delegates of the APIL, wish to highlight
5 again past declarations of Pacific Leaders for strong political commitments on the
6 subjects of climate change and climate leadership in the Pacific Region; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Island Forum leaders have before called upon all
8 leaders, including the leaders of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
9 member states, to further support and increase efforts to reduce and phase-out
10 greenhouse gas pollution; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in our 33rd General Assembly held in the Republic of the
12 Marshall Islands in July of 2014, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
13 adopted Resolution No. 33-GA-06 in which the APIL expressed our support and
14 the commitment of the Association of the Pacific Islands Legislatures to the
15 Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in our 55th Board of Directors meeting held in the State of
17 Yap in January of 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. 55-BOD-03 in which
18 the APIL Board gave special recognition to Ms. Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner of the
19 Republic of the Marshall Islands for her appearance at the United Nations Climate
20 Leaders Summit in September of 2014, and thanked this remarkable spokeswoman
21 from our region for bringing the message of climate change up to a level that not
22 only Pacific Islanders, but families around the World can understand and can take
23 to heart; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has over at least
25 a decade and a half adopted similar resolutions placing emphasis on the
26 catastrophic consequences of climate change on these islands of the Pacific; now,
27 therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the 34th General Assembly Association of Pacific
2 Island Legislatures, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that this Assembly
3 hereby reaffirms our declarations on climate change that foster cooperation among
4 Pacific Island countries by calling on APIL member states and entities to continue
5 to press for the reduction of greenhouse gases globally; and

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

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



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

