



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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

Resolution No. 35-GA-03

“Expressing the appreciation of the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) to all the Presenters for their fine, informative, and thorough presentations to the Assembly.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the theme for the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island
2 Legislatures (APIL), held on the Island of Guam from June 1 to June 3, 2016, is “*Strengthening*
3 *Our Past and Uniting Our Blue Continent;*” and

4 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President, Federated States of
5 Micronesia, spoke on “Keeping the Spirit of Unity Throughout Micronesia;” and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Geoff Bowmaker, Chief Executive Officer of Nauru Airlines,
7 presented on the “Services Throughout Micronesia and the Pacific Region;” and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ernie Galito, Secretariat, Micronesian Cruise Association, presented on
9 the “Status of the Cruise Line Industry in the Region;” and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Chris Flynn, Regional Director for the Pacific-Asia Travel Association
11 (PATA), spoke on issues relating to “Airlines and Regional Tourism;” and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Angelo O’Connor Villagomez, Officer, Global Ocean Legacy, PEW
13 Environmental Group, in his presentation, “Large Scale Marine Protected Areas in APIL

1 Jurisdictions: How Much of the Ocean Should we Protect?” shared the latest news relating to
2 marine protected areas in the region; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Peter Houk, University of Guam, Marine Lab Micronesia Conservation
4 Coalition, presented new and valuable information on the “Status of Our Coastal Fisheries in
5 Micronesia;” and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Bernadette Valencia, Manager, MATSON Guam and Micronesia,
7 presented on “Ocean Freight Services: Matson Navigation Company;” and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Chris Sampson, President, Digital Society Foundation, presented on:
9 “Connect the Blue Continent: Where do we Stand?”; and


10 **WHEREAS**, all the above mentioned Presenters provided the 35th APIL General
11 Assembly with an informative and thorough presentation on the programs available and being
12 developed which will assist the member legislatures in further positioning themselves and their
13 governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; now, therefore,

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35th General
15 Assembly, Island of Guam, on June 1-3, 2016, does hereby express sincere appreciation to all the
16 Presenters for their fine, informative, and thorough presentations to the Assembly; and


17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Association of Pacific Island
18 Legislatures certify and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures attest to
19 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the respective Presenters of the
20 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, namely: His Excellency
21 Peter M. Christian, Mr. Geoff Bowmaker, Mr. Ernie Galito, Mr. Chris Flynn, Mr. Angelo

- 1 O'Connor Villagomez, Mr. Peter Houk, Ms. Bernadette Valencia and Mr. Chris Sampson; and to
- 2 the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all member jurisdictions
- 3 of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2016.



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

