



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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FSM, State of Chuuk  
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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. 35-GA-08

**“Congratulating Philippine Airlines for expanding its air service between Manila and Saipan; and further requesting Philippine Airlines to also consider establishing air services to and between the other islands of Micronesia.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, Micronesia and the Philippines share many geological factors and human  
2 interests in common; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the islands of Micronesia and the Philippines share the same latitude, the  
4 same weather patterns, the same island lifestyles, and the same economic and social challenges;  
5 and

6           **WHEREAS**, many professional and skilled Filipinos have been recruited to work in the  
7 islands of Micronesia, where they have provided the Micronesian island jurisdictions with  
8 needed services in many fields in both the public and private sectors of our island societies; and

9           **WHEREAS**, there is constant travel between the islands of Micronesia and the  
10 Philippines as Filipinos come to their islands of recruitment and service in Micronesia and then  
11 return to their homes in the Philippines to visit their families and to renew their passports and  
12 travel documents; and

13           **WHEREAS**, due to the limited health care facilities throughout Micronesia, those of our  
14 people who are in need of advanced medical care are often referred to hospitals and institutions  
15 of specialized health care in the Philippines; and

16           **WHEREAS**, many trips are planned and taken to and from the islands of Micronesia and  
17 the Philippines in pursuit of opportunities for higher education; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the economic ties and the similarity of economic opportunities between and  
19 among Micronesian and Filipino business communities are leading to more and more joint  
20 ventures and other forms of business arrangements within the broader region of the Western  
21 Pacific that are facilitated through the transport of business leaders to and from the islands of  
22 Micronesia and the Philippines; and



1       **WHEREAS**, in addition to travel to and from Micronesia and the Philippines, there is  
2 much travel between the main island destinations in Micronesia as Micronesians themselves  
3 travel to attend to government functions, work assignments, conferences, family gatherings and  
4 religious activities; and

5       **WHEREAS**, Philippine Airlines will launch a low-fare weekly service between Manila  
6 and Saipan on June 15, 2016; and

7       **WHEREAS**, Manila will become the Saipan International Airport's first destination in  
8 the Philippines; and

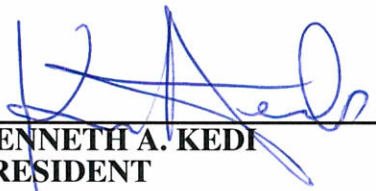
9       **WHEREAS**, Philippine Airlines has a network of flights that also includes Guam,  
10 Osaka, Hong Kong, Beijing, Tokyo, Seoul, Bali, Hanoi, and Dubai; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the APIL kindly encourages Philippine Airlines to also consider further  
12 expansion in offering air services to and within the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic  
13 of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and other island destinations in Micronesia; now,  
14 therefore,

15       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island  
16 Legislatures, *Hagåtña*, Guam, June 1-3, 2016, extends its congratulations to Philippine Airlines  
17 for expanding its air service between Manila and Saipan; and does further request for Philippine  
18 Airlines to also consider establishing air services to and between the other islands of Micronesia;  
19 and

20       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President certify and the APIL Secretary  
21 attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Chief Executive  
22 Officer of Philippine Airlines; and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of  
23 each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2016.**

  
KENNETH A. KEDI  
PRESIDENT

  
FERNANDO SCALIEM  
SECRETARY

