



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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. 36-GA-02

“Expressing sincere appreciation to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and the President of the Federated States of Micronesia for providing for a conservation area for marine life within the 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, both singularly
2 and collectively, hold the conservation and protection of our marine resources as very important
3 priorities in our respective jurisdictions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on September 6, 2016, the President sent an Administration sponsored bill to the
5 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia under Presidential Communication No. 19-415, which
6 bill would provide for the conservation of the marine resources of the Federated States of Micronesia
7 within defined areas of its 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone, especially for migratory species in the
8 waters of the FSM; and

9 **WHEREAS**, after the proper review, the Congress enacted the Administration’s request and it was
10 signed into law by the President on April 18, 2017; and

11 **WHEREAS**, this legislation is the culmination of strenuous conservation efforts in recent years by
12 various environmentally concerned, regional entities, most particularly, the Micronesian Conservation
13 Trust, (MCT); and

14 **WHEREAS**, the new FSM national law goes a long way in meeting the short and long term goals
15 set by local and regional partnerships in conservation and marine protection; now, therefore,

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 36th General Assembly,
17 Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati, June 22-24, 2017, that this Assembly hereby expresses sincere
18 appreciation to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and the President of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia for providing for a conservation area for marine life within the Federated States of
20 Micronesia 200 Mile Exclusive Economic Zone; and

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

