



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. 36-GA-04

“To urge Members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to increase efforts to mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change by committing their governments to conserve and responsibly use our oceans, seas, and marine resources for sustainable development.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are vulnerable small
2 island developing states that are already experiencing the effects of climate change, including but not
3 limited to severe droughts and sea level rise; and

4 **WHEREAS**, there is overwhelming scientific evidence that the ocean and climate change are
5 inextricably linked to one another and that the ocean plays a big part in mitigating climate change by
6 being a heat and carbon sink; and

7 **WHEREAS**, our member jurisdictions of the APIL are heavily dependent on the ocean for
8 economic development and for the very survival of peoples and cultures of our region of the world; and

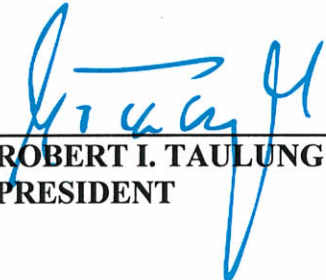
9 **WHEREAS**, it is our responsibility to do our part in advocating for the conservation and for the
10 responsible use of our ocean and marine resources so that they may continue to mitigate the adverse
11 impacts of climate change; now, therefore,

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 36th General Assembly,
13 Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati, June 22-24, 2017, that the member jurisdictions of the
14 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are urged to increase efforts to mitigate the adverse impacts
15 of climate change by committing to conserve and responsibly use our oceans, seas, and marine

1 resources, not only for sustainable development of our islands, but also for the mitigation of the adverse
2 affects of climate change around the world; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary
4 shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief
5 Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of
6 Pacific Island Legislatures and to such other officials throughout the world-wide community of
7 environmentally concerned agencies, instrumentalities and organizations as the President of the
8 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures deems appropriate.

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



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

