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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-05

"Congratulating the people of the FSM State of Chuuk for their informed and admirable achievement in the continuing development of self-government in the islands of the APIL Pacific in electing the Honorable Gardenia Aisek as the first female Senator to the 14th Chuuk State Legislature, and whole heartedly and enthusiastically welcoming the Honorable Gardenia Aisek to the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures."

1	WHEREAS, as the custodians of the governments of our democratic societies in
2	this region of the world, the member legislative assemblies of the Association of Pacific
3	Island Legislatures hereby declare that we are fully committed to the fundamental truth
4	which we hold as self-evident that all of our peoples are created equal, and that all of our
5	citizens, regardless of gender, race or creed, have an equal right to seek for and to
6	become integral members of the law making bodies of our representative governments;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, we are very honored to have been recently informed and to now
9	acknowledge that in March of 2017, the Honorable Gardenia Aisek, having been
10	popularly elected by the voters of the Southern Namoneas Election District of the FSM
11	State of Chuuk, was duly seated as a full and active Member of the 14 th Chuuk State
12	Legislature; and
13	WHEREAS, with the election of their first female Senator since the attainment of
14	statehood, the public electorate of the FSM State of Chuuk have now joined their fellow
15	voters in the State of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia, and many other

member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, in ensuring that all

- of the peoples of their respective jurisdictions are truly represented in their legislative assemblies; and

 WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is very proud to
- 4 further acknowledge and to announce that the 14th Chuuk State Legislature has
- 5 undertaken the momentous and historical step in appointing their very first elected female
- 6 Senator as one of the two Chuuk State Legislature members of the Board of Directors of
- 7 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; now, therefore,
- 8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 36th
- 9 General Assembly, Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati, June 22-24, 2017, that the
- 10 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby congratulates the people of the FSM
- 11 State of Chuuk for their informed and admirable achievement in electing the Honorable
- Gardenia Aisek as the first female Senator to the Chuuk State Legislature; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island
- 14 Legislatures hereby whole heartedly and enthusiastically welcomes the Honorable
- 15 Gardenia Aisek to the Board of Directors of this Association; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the
- APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
- transmitted to the Honorable Gardenia Aisek and to the Chief Executives and the
- 19 Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific
- 20 Island Legislatures.

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

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