



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-09

“Humbly but earnestly requesting the leadership of Matson, Inc. to seriously consider extending its very valuable ocean cargo services and humanitarian assistance programs to the Republic of Kiribati.”

1 **WHEREAS**, Matson Navigation Company's long association with shipping to and among the
2 islands of the Pacific began in 1882, when Captain William Matson sailed his three-masted schooner
3 *Emma Claudina* from San Francisco to Hilo, Hawaii, carrying 300 tons of food, plantation supplies and
4 general merchandise; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the shipping operations of Matson Inc. continued to grow in size and expand in
6 services over the early years of the twentieth century; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in an historic voyage in 1958 of Matson's *Hawaiian Merchant*, Matson Inc.
8 marked the beginning of an ambitious containerization program that achieved tremendous gains in
9 productivity and efficiency from the age-old methods of break-bulk cargo handling; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the company's groundbreaking contribution to the maritime industry through the
11 introduction of containerized shipping is prominently featured in an exhibition at the Smithsonian
12 National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., entitled “Transforming the Waterfront”;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, during the 1990's and continuing until today, Matson Inc. has embarked upon an
15 ambitious program of expanding its services to island-centered ports all across the wide ocean expanses
16 of Micronesia, and to other ports across the even wider expanses of the broad Pacific, and even to the
17 ports on Asia Pacific Rim; and

1 **WHEREAS**, through its transshipment operations at such advanced port facilities as are present
2 in Guam, the benefits of Matson’s ocean cargo services are felt throughout the APIL Pacific; and

3 **WHEREAS**, along with its commercial operations, Matson Inc. has generously established a
4 not-for-profit humanitarian organization known as the “Matson Foundation” which contributes funds,
5 material goods and services to assist in the development and operation of charitable and community
6 organizations throughout the ports of call and surrounding islands where Matson ships operate; and

7 **WHEREAS**, through partnering with such NGO’s as the APIL subsidiary, the Ayuda
8 Foundation, Matson, Inc. has answered the pleas for help of islanders in our times of distress when our
9 people are suffering from the ravages of typhoons and other natural disasters; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the members jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are
11 sincerely grateful for the continuous, reliable and conscientious ocean cargo services that Matson Inc.
12 provides to bolster the economies of our islands and for the warm and thoughtful sharing of its shipping
13 capabilities to address the humanitarian needs of our people; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as a family of Pacific Island Nations, States, and Territories, it is the sincere hope
15 and desire of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that all of our member entities will be able
16 to share in the substantial benefits that Matson Inc. and its humanitarian foundation bring to our region
17 of the world; and

18 **WHEREAS**, unfortunately, the beneficial services of Matson Inc. and its humanitarian
19 foundation have yet to reach two important commercial ports, namely London, Christmas and Beito,
20 Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati; now, therefore,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 36th General Assembly,
22 Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati, June 22-24, 2017, that this Assembly hereby humbly but
23 earnestly requests the leadership of Matson, Inc. to seriously consider extending its very valuable ocean
24 cargo services and humanitarian programs to the Republic of Kiribati; 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 CEO and
3 Chairman of the Board of Directors of Matson Inc., to the Presiding Officer of the Matson Foundation,
4 to the President of the Republic of Kiribati, to the Speaker of the Kiribati Parliament, and to the
5 Legislative Presiding Officers and Chief Executives of each member jurisdiction of the Association of
6 the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

