



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Republic of the Marshall Islands  
Republic of Nauru  
Republic of Palau  
State of Hawaii

## A RESOLUTION

### APIL Resolution No. 37-GA-03

**“Urging all APIL member states to accept the cordial invitation of the Republic of Palau to attend the Our Ocean Conference in 2020, and further urging the support of the APIL member states in preparing for and funding this important international event.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, since 2014, Our Ocean conferences have been held all over the  
2 world in order to promote sustainable action and innovative solutions regarding marine  
3 environments; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau has been greatly honored by being named to  
5 host the Our Ocean Conference in 2020; and

6           **WHEREAS**, this conference is the largest and most high-profile event ever to  
7 take place in Palau, and it is an opportunity for the Pacific region as a whole to connect  
8 with other nations and collaborate on finding creative marine preservation solutions; and

9           **WHEREAS**, although the conference is being physically held in Palau, it is really  
10 the entire Pacific region that is hosting the event, as we all share the same concerns and  
11 priorities regarding preservation of our marine environments; and

12           **WHEREAS**, costs associated with hosting the Our Ocean Conference include  
13 procuring conference facilities, security, advertising, conference materials, catering,  
14 ground transportation, communication and necessary audiovisual equipment; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the Pacific region must embrace this opportunity to showcase our  
16 leadership as stewards of the One World Ocean, and utilize this conference as a platform  
17 to promote our most important regional undertakings; now, therefore,

1        **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37<sup>th</sup>  
2        General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26-29, 2018, that this Association urges  
3        all APIL member states to accept the cordial invitation of the Republic of Palau to attend  
4        the Our Ocean Conference in 2020, and further requests the support of the APIL member  
5        states in preparing for and funding this important international event; and

6        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the  
7        APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be  
8        transmitted to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member  
9        jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018.**

  
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**ROBERT I. TAULUNG**  
**PRESIDENT**

  
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**NELSON STEPHEN**  
**SECRETARY**

