

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. 37-GA-04

"Respectfully requesting the Micronesia Conservation Trust to include the Republic of Kiribati in the extent of its jurisdiction and the focus of its services."

- 1 WHEREAS, the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) is a non-
- 2 governmental organization which was established in 2002 to support
- 3 biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation, financing and related
- 4 sustainable development for the people of Micronesia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the MCT provides a regional forum to bring together
- 6 people from government, private enterprise, and community and non-profit
- 7 organizations to collectively address the challenges of natural resource
- 8 management in Micronesia, to enhance public-private partnerships, and to
- 9 share experiences and best practices; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to providing financial support, MCT is placing
- 11 special emphasis on building the capacity of Micronesian organizations to
- 12 design and manage conservation programs; and
- WHEREAS, MCT's mission is in alignment with that of APIL in the
- 14 area of sustainable development, as well as various resolutions adopted by
- 15 APIL on issues of conservation and climate change; and
- WHEREAS, at present, the outreach of MCT extends only to the islands
- of Micronesia that are north of the equator; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is cognizant of the fact that the Republic of Kiribati, constituting the Micronesian islands located just south of the equator, is also in need of addressing issues of conservation and the challenges to the survival of its atolls which are being imposed on that nation by climate change; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37th General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26-29, 2018, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby respectfully requests that the Micronesia Conservation Trust include the Republic of Kiribati in the extent of its jurisdiction and the focus of its services; 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 Chairman of the Micronesia Conservation Trust Board of Directors and to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

ROBERT I. TAULUNG

PRESIDENT

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