



# 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-08

**“Commending the Chuuk Language and Cultural Association of Hawaii, Inc. and the Chuuk Language and Cultural School that it sponsors for their efforts to teach the Chuukese language, customs, traditions and culture to young Chuukese who are residing in the State of Hawaii, and urging other Micronesian communities living abroad to formulate similar organizations to help their young people become fully conversant in their own languages and deeply knowledgeable of their own customs, traditions and cultures.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures  
2   that our native languages and our own customs, traditions and cultures are  
3   fundamental to our understanding of who we are as Pacific Island peoples; and

4           **WHEREAS**, unfortunately, as many of our families travel to American  
5   destinations in pursuit of employment and other needs, their children are beginning  
6   to lose a sense of their own native tongues, customs, traditions and cultures; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk Language and Cultural Association of Hawaii, Inc. is  
8   a nonprofit organization founded on January 6, 2016 by a group of parents of  
9   Chuukese children who are attending school in the State of Hawaii; and

10          **WHEREAS**, this Association is led by dedicated Chuukese who are willing to  
11   volunteer their services in reaching out to meet the needs of Chuukese children; and

12          **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Chuuk Language and Cultural Association of  
13   Hawaii and the Chuuk Language and Cultural School that it sponsors is the teaching  
14   of Chuukese language, customs, traditions and cultures in order to provide an

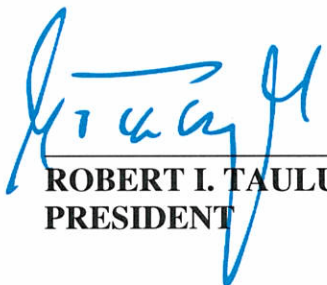
1 opportunity for Chuukese children who were born in Hawaii and who may never  
2 have the opportunity to even visit their home islands in Micronesia to learn and study  
3 their mother language and to discover and understand the meaning and value of  
4 Chuukese customs, traditions and cultures as they grow to adulthood; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the vision of the Chuuk Language and Cultural Association of  
6 Hawaii, Inc. and its sponsored school are to help the young Chuukese children  
7 residing in Hawaii join in spirit with the children living in the FSM State of Chuuk in  
8 contributing to the overall well-being of the Chuukese people wherever they may be  
9 living and to pass on the essence of the Chuukese language, customs, traditions and  
10 cultures to generations to come; now, therefore,

11       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37<sup>th</sup>  
12 General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26-29, 2018, that the Association of  
13 Pacific Island Legislatures hereby whole-heartedly commends the Chuuk Language  
14 and Cultural Association of Hawaii, Inc. and the Cultural Language and Cultural  
15 School that it sponsors for their efforts to teach the Chuukese language, customs,  
16 traditions and culture to young Chuukese who are residing in the State of Hawaii, and  
17 urges other Micronesian communities living abroad to formulate similar organizations  
18 to help their young people become fully conversant in their own languages and  
19 deeply knowledgeable of their own customs, traditions and cultures; and

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the  
2   APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall  
3   be thereafter transmitted to the CEO of the Chuuk Language and Cultural  
4   Association of Hawaii, Inc., to the Principal of the Cultural Language and Cultural  
5   School, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the  
6   member jurisdictions 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**

