



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
FSM, State of Chuuk  
FSM, State of Kosrae  
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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-10

**“Recognizing the critical nature of addressing the adverse effects of climate change and urgently requesting that all APIL member entities collaborate on developing strong regional policies and action plans to mitigate the effects of climate change.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, the theme for this APIL 37<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is “CLIMATE  
2 CHANGE: Regional Policies and Action Plans Regarding Climate Change  
3 Mitigation”; and

4           **WHEREAS**, climate change represents one of the toughest problems  
5 confronting legislatures in the Pacific region, and poses a formidable set of  
6 fundamental challenges to our island nations which are particularly susceptible to the  
7 adverse impacts of climate change; and

8           **WHEREAS**, adverse effects ascribable to climate change in the Pacific region  
9 include increases in coral bleaching, coastal flooding, and shoreline erosion, while  
10 warming and sea-level rise are both expected to accelerate within the next 100 years,  
11 causing profound changes to environments, societies and development aspirations  
12 within the region; and

13           **WHEREAS**, it is the role of regional agencies and governments to promote  
14 and disseminate climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, and drive  
15 adaptation at the community level by engaging our populations in this cause; and

16           **WHEREAS**, regional policies and action plans for climate change mitigation  
17 can help to manage the impacts of climate change, and bring about the effective and  
18 sustainable adaptation to projected climate change in the Pacific region; and

1       **WHEREAS**, confronting this global climate crisis requires us to collaborate  
2 with our Pacific neighbors and proactively develop agendas for environmental  
3 sustainability, and mutual assistance, support and collaboration is required between  
4 our island nations in order to capitalize on the opportunities for climate change  
5 mitigation which are available to our region; now, therefore,

6       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37<sup>th</sup>  
7 General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26-29, 2018, that this Assembly  
8 recognizes the critical nature of addressing the adverse effects of climate change and  
9 urgently requests that all APIL member entities collaborate on developing strong  
10 regional policies and action plans to mitigate the effects of climate change; and

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

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



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



**NELSON STEPHEN**  
**SECRETARY**

