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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-15

"Supporting the 9th Micronesian Games to be held in the State of Yap, FSM in July 2018 and extending congratulations and best wishes to the athletes, coaches and their sponsors to the 9th Micronesian Games."

1 WHEREAS, the Micronesian Games ("Micro Games") are a quadrennial 2 international multi-sport event within the Micronesian region with the first Micro Games held on the island of Saipan of the then Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 3 the summer of 1969 and the 9th Micro Games to be hosted by the State of Yap of the 4 Federated States of Micronesia at the Yap Sports Complex from July 15–27, 2018; 5 6 and 7 WHEREAS, the Micro Games create opportunities for Micronesian athletes 8 to participate and compete in events that may be found in other international 9 competitions, but which are more specific to Micronesian countries; and 10 WHEREAS, the Micro Games allow Micronesian athletes to build character, 11 and at the same time the Micro Games unify the islands of the central to western Pacific region through the bonds of friendship which are forged at the Games between 12

Pacific region through the bonds of friendship which are forged at the Games between the organizers and support staff for each island jurisdiction involved in the Games, the competitors themselves, their coaches and even the enthusiastic crowds which gather to witness these sporting events; and

WHEREAS, the Micro Games serve as a stepping stone for entry into the South Pacific Games, the Oceania Sports, and the World Olympics; now, therefore, 10

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APIL.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37th 2 General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26-29, 2018, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses support for the 9th Micronesian Games to 3 4 be held in the State of Yap, FSM in July 2018 and hereby extends our congratulations and best wishes to the athletes, coaches and their sponsors to the 9th Micronesian 5 6 Games; and 7 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 8 9 transmitted to the President of the Micronesian Games Council and to the Presiding

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

Legislative Officers and Chief Executives of each of the member jurisdictions of the

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