



# 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-17

**“Respectfully, yet earnestly, requesting all Member Legislative Assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to continue their support and investment in the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship  
2 Fund was established with seed funding from the estate of the late Bill Raynor to  
3 honor his lifetime of conservation work in Micronesia; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund is  
5 aimed at supporting the post-secondary educational development of Micronesia’s  
6 emerging conservation leaders; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund is  
8 administered and managed by the Micronesia Conservation Trust which also  
9 administers and manages the Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund; and

10           **WHEREAS**, since its inception, a total of over \$600,000 have been raised  
11 for the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund from public and  
12 private contributions due to the fundraising efforts of the Micronesia Conservation  
13 Trust and other partners; and

14           **WHEREAS**, a U.S. based donor has agreed to match 1:1 for every dollar  
15 that is raised from our own governments and local entities; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the goal is to build an endowment of approximately  
17 \$1,200,000 that will sustain the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship  
18 Fund; and

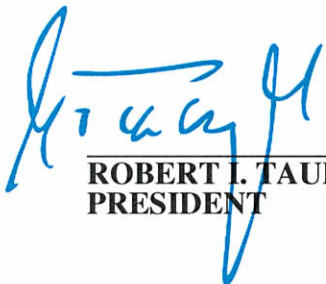
1           **WHEREAS**, to date, four Micronesian students from member jurisdictions  
2 of the APIL are enrolled in universities in the United States and in Japan and are  
3 benefiting from the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund; and

4           **WHEREAS**, four additional students have been selected from member  
5 jurisdictions of the APIL to receive financial support from this scholarship fund  
6 starting in the Fall of 2018; now, therefore,

7           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37<sup>th</sup>  
8 General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26 – 29, 2018, that, in line with  
9 our tradition of supporting the educational development of our island people, the  
10 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby respectfully, yet earnestly,  
11 requests all Member Legislative Assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island  
12 Legislatures to continue their support and investment in the Bill Raynor  
13 Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund; and

14           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and  
15 the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same  
16 shall be thereafter transmitted to the Presiding Legislative Officers and Chief  
17 Executives of each of the member jurisdictions of the APIL and to the Micronesia  
18 Conservation Trust to share with its partners, donors and contributors.

**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 SEPTEHN**  
**SECRETARY**

