



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-19, CD1

“The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures strongly urges its member jurisdictions to take action to conserve biodiversity and ease the impacts of climate change through the creation of marine protected areas in thirty percent (30%) of their jurisdictional waters by 2030.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)
2 acknowledge that climate change threatens marine biodiversity and disproportionately
3 impacts Big Ocean Nations and their associated economies and communities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, marine protected areas are a science-based conservation tool proven to
5 mitigate the damage we have done to the ocean, by protecting biodiversity and easing the
6 impacts of climate related effects, and when implemented properly, improve livelihoods,
7 create jobs, enhance food security, protect cultures, and leave a desirable legacy for future
8 generations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, recognizing multiple APIL jurisdictions previously committed to
10 protecting thirty percent (30%) of their near shore resources through the Micronesia
11 Challenge in 2006; and took a bolder step in 2016 passing APIL Resolution No. 35-GA-05
12 calling on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to adopt a motion
13 to protect thirty percent (30%) of all oceans; and


14 **WHEREAS**, acknowledging scientific research demonstrates it is necessary for each
15 jurisdiction to protect thirty percent (30%) of its ocean in order to build resilience in a
16 changing environment and create a healthy ocean for the communities that depend upon its
17 ecosystem services; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37th General
2 Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26-29, 2018, that APIL urges its member
3 jurisdictions to take action on their executive level commitments to conserve the ocean by
4 protecting at least thirty percent (30%) of their jurisdictional waters in marine protected
5 areas and calls on the Convention of Biological Diversity to reflect this science based target
6 of thirty percent (30%); and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Association hereby urges all member
8 jurisdictions of the APIL to undertake all the requisite steps to conserve the ocean by
9 protecting thirty percent (30%) of their jurisdictional waters in marine protected areas and
10 moving policies through the standing committee and that 60 days prior to the 38th General
11 Assembly, APIL member jurisdictions will submit to the Secretariat, a report on their
12 current progress toward achieving that goal; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
14 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of this resolution be transmitted
15 to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each Member jurisdiction of
16 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the Secretariat of the Convention on
17 Biological Diversity, the IUCN Director General, and embassies of donor countries and
18 development partners.

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



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

