



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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FSM, State of Chuuk
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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-21

“Expressing gratitude to the Pew Charitable Trusts, former APIL President Carlotta Leon Guerrero and the presenters at the June 26, 2018 workshop for the valuable information received concerning marine protected areas leading to the adoption of APIL Resolution No. 37-GA-19.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on the 26th of June, 2018, the Pew Charitable Trusts and
2 former APIL President Carlotta Leon Guerrero held a one-day workshop to
3 highlight the importance of marine protected areas (MPAs) to communities that
4 depend on healthy oceans; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the workshop was held in connection with the 37th General
6 Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures according lawmakers
7 from throughout the APIL Pacific the opportunity to gain valuable information on
8 this important topic of concern to all the island jurisdictions of the APIL Pacific;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, members of the APIL heard from scientists, community
11 leaders and key stakeholders regarding the science of MPAs, and its value to
12 bolster ecosystems and potential in mitigating the effects of climate change; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero of the Ayuda Foundation
14 spoke about APIL’s efforts to improve marine conservation over the past several
15 decades and highlighted the role of MPAs in building resilience; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Bob Richmond of the University of Hawai'i
2 provided a high-level overview of the science behind MPAs and the expected
3 changes to the region under the anticipated impacts of climate change; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Willy Kostka of the Micronesia Conservation Trust
5 presented on the Pacific's regional environmental policies and explained how
6 these policies fit within a wider global framework; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Stacy Baez of the Pew Charitable Trusts
8 summarized the scientific studies that demonstrate the value of MPAs in
9 mitigating climate change and emphasized the urgency in taking action given
10 current climate scenarios; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Eugene Pangelinan of the FSM National Oceanic
12 Resource Management Authority (NORMA) presented on the Federated States of
13 Micronesia's efforts to expand their commercial fishing exclusion zone; and

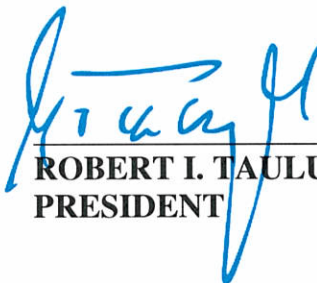
14 **WHEREAS**, the valuable information received at the workshop has
15 greatly benefited the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures as
16 we convened in our 37th General Assembly and as we return to our home
17 legislative assemblies; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the information received during the workshop also resulted
19 in the adoption of APIL Resolution No. 37-GA-19, urging the member
20 jurisdictions of the APIL to take action to meet the goal of designating 30% of
21 their respective jurisdictional waters as marine protected areas no later than the
22 year 2030; now, therefore,

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
3 of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses our gratitude to the Pew Charitable
4 Trusts, former APIL President Carlotta Leon Guerrero, and the presenters at the
5 June 26, 2018 workshop for the valuable information received concerning marine
6 protected areas leading to the adoption of APIL Resolution No. 37-GA-19; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and
8 the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same
9 shall be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of the Pew Charitable Trusts,
10 former APIL President Carlotta Leon Guerrero and the sponsors and presenters of
11 the June 26, 2018 workshop, and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and Chief
12 Executives of each of the member jurisdictions of the APIL.

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


ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT


NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

