



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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

Resolution No. 38-GA-01

“Expressing support for the Hawaiian people.”

1 **WHEREAS**, as the native peoples of the far reaching islands of the central Pacific from
2 which has been formed the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, we are all deeply rooted
3 in our indigenous languages, our historic customs, our ancient rituals, our enduring traditions,
4 and our sacred sites of honor and reverence; and

5 **WHEREAS**, when any one of our native cultures or sacred grounds or waters are
6 challenged, we all feel the hurt and the shame; and

7 **WHEREAS**, we, the legislative leaders of the APIL Pacific, we are mindful of the
8 challenges faced by the native people of Hawaii with respect to the proposed construction of the
9 Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on sacred land top Mauna Kea; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2019, the Hawaii State Senate Hawaiian Caucus issued a
11 statement in which it proclaimed “we stand with the people engaged in peaceful demonstration
12 on Mauna Kea and around Hawaii. The Thirty Meter Telescope controversy underscores
13 critical issues in our community, and calls for the highest levels of care and mutual respect.”;
14 now, therefore,

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General
16 Assembly, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that this Association, for
17 and on behalf of the natives peoples of the APIL Pacific, hereby joins in the sentiments
18 expressed by the Hawaii State Senate Hawaiian Caucus and also trusts that this critically
19 important issue for the Hawaiian peoples will receive the highest levels of care and mutual
20 respect from all concerned; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that APIL President shall certify and the APIL
2 Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the
3 Chairperson of the Hawaii State Senate Hawaiian Caucus, the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature, and to the Chief Executives and the Presiding
5 Legislative Officers of the member jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island
6 Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.



NELSON STEPHEN
ACTING PRESIDENT



IVAN A. BLANCO
SECRETARY

