



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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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-03

“To encourage APIL Member Jurisdictions to work together on creating a regional solution for recycling recyclable waste.”

1 **WHEREAS**, combating the wide-ranging, damaging effects of climate change is one of
2 the most pressing issues that APIL Member Jurisdictions are facing today, moreover, global
3 warming is now reaching the stage where it is threatening the very existence of some of our
4 islands; and

5 **WHEREAS**, developing and implementing robust recycling programs are critical in
6 combating climate degradation and waste, with benefits including: reducing the amount of waste
7 sent to landfills, conserving natural resources, increasing economic security, preventing
8 pollution, saving energy, and creating jobs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, cognizant of the geographical challenges facing our region, APIL Member
10 Jurisdictions benefit most when working in collaboration, providing mutual assistance and
11 support to each other, and sharing knowledge, resources, and expertise in areas of environmental
12 protection and conservation; and

13 **WHEREAS**, regional cooperation on developing a unified recycling solution among the
14 APIL Member Jurisdictions ensures greater affordability of these recycling programs, as some, if
15 not most, waste must currently be shipped off our islands to be properly recycled; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the harms of climate change are becoming ever greater with each passing

1 year, demonstrating the increasingly pressing need for the APIL Member Jurisdictions to take
2 immediate and unified action; now, therefore,

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General
4 Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific
5 Island Legislatures hereby encourages APIL Member Jurisdictions to work together on creating a
6 regional recycling solution for recyclable waste; and


7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that each Member Jurisdiction is respectfully requested
8 to include in its country report at the next APIL Board of Directors meeting, an analysis of the
9 progress of that Member in its respective recycling program, which report should include that
10 Member's endeavors to provide for its inclusion in the collaborative effort in the establishment
11 of the regional recycling solution for recyclable waste called for in this resolution; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
13 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to
14 the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the
15 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the perusal of their respective branches of
16 government and to share with their environmental protection and conservation agencies and with
17 their concerned NGO's and other environment and conservation concerned groups.

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



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ACTING PRESIDENT



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SECRETARY
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