



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

Resolution No. 38-GA-07

“Relative to encouraging the empowerment of Freely Associated State citizens by providing them tools for successful integration into foreign communities by developing and maintaining local centers or offices in their jurisdictions that would collaborate with the Guam and Hawai‘i Micronesian Resources Centers to provide clear understandings of the socio-cultural and political expectations and laws of the areas to which FAS citizens will migrate.”

1 **WHEREAS**, each cultural group within Freely Associated States (FAS) have deep
2 and rich cultures, traditions, and lifeways; and

3 **WHEREAS**, there are many reasons that citizens around the world, including those
4 within our region, migrate to foreign lands or other areas; and

5 **WHEREAS**, migration, especially to foreign lands, can be difficult given that, within
6 foreign communities, there can be large differences in socio-cultural and political
7 expectations and substantial divergences in the laws which can lead to detrimental
8 consequences for the emigrant as well as within the larger host community; and

9 **WHEREAS**, all peoples deserve to lead lives of dignity, yet, unfortunately,
10 difficulty in assimilation, discrimination, and marginalization can occur when one migrates
11 to another land; and

12 **WHEREAS**, recently, there has been a call by some in places like Guam and Hawai‘i
13 to assist citizens emigrating from Freely Associated States by empowering them with tools to
14 successfully integrate in foreign communities by providing clear understandings of the socio-
15 cultural and political expectations and laws of the areas to which FAS citizens will migrate;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Federated States of Micronesia has established a Migrant
18 Resources Centre to create awareness about “the dangers of human trafficking, and facilitate
19 referrals to service providers in Guam and Hawaii on legal, medical, and social welfare

1 matters.” Further, it has also been “envisioned to facilitate integration for Micronesians who
2 wish to reside in the United States” among other goals; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam and Hawai‘i have established Micronesian Resource Centers
4 within their jurisdictions; now, therefore

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General
6 Assembly, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the General
7 Assembly, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby encourages the
8 empowerment of Freely Associated State citizens by providing them tools for successful
9 integration into foreign communities by developing and maintaining local centers or offices
10 in their jurisdictions that would collaborate with the Guam and Hawai‘i Micronesian
11 Resources Centers to provide clear understandings of the socio-cultural and political
12 expectations and laws of the areas to which FAS citizens will migrate; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that APIL President shall certify and the APIL
14 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted
15 to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of
16 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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


NELSON STEPHEN
ACTING PRESIDENT


IVAN A. BLANCO
SECRETARY

