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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-08

“Relative to recommending that the APIL Member Jurisdictions work together to build a comprehensive assessment of the various health care services and medical facilities available to our Island communities.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the APIL recognizes that its Member Jurisdictions share similar
2 challenges in providing accessible and affordable health care for their people, including an
3 adequate number of health care professionals, such as specialists, and critical equipment; and

4 **WHEREAS**, such challenges have required Member Jurisdictions to frequently
5 utilize the medical referral process to direct their people to advanced medical facilities, which
6 oftentimes require travel far outside of our region. This process often leaves patients without
7 their familial and other support systems during the most trying periods of their treatment and
8 recovery; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the APIL further recognizes that collaborative and sustained efforts
10 among its Member Jurisdictions are imperative to ensuring that every person in our region is
11 provided with access to affordable and quality health care and adequate medical facilities;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, such collaborative efforts are also critical for building and enhancing
14 the professional capacities of local health care providers, which may help to reduce health
15 inequities at the local, national, and regional levels; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the comprehensive assessment should include direct and indirect cost
17 estimates; types of treatments and services available; types of facilities, which may include:
18 individual rooms or family suites; ease of access to utilize such facilities, quality of care,
19 language and communication capacities, and any other pertinent information. Such
20 assessments shall examine the same for other non-member regional jurisdictions such as
21 Japan, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the comprehensive assessment shall also examine the climate of
2 healthcare in non-member regional jurisdictions to which people of Member Jurisdictions
3 frequently travel for medical care, which include, but are not limited to, Japan, Malaysia, the
4 Republic of the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand; now, therefore,

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General
6 Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific
7 Island Legislatures hereby recommends that our Member Jurisdictions, either individually or
8 in partnership with other Member Jurisdictions, perform a comprehensive assessment of the
9 various health care services available for patients that reside within the APIL Pacific who are
10 seeking medical care, and share their findings with other Member Jurisdictions of APIL; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that APIL President shall certify and the APIL
12 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted
13 to the Chief Executive and the Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of
14 the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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



NELSON STEPHEN
ACTING PRESIDENT



IVAN A. BLANCO
SECRETARY

