



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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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-13

“To respectfully encourage APIL Members Jurisdictions to work together to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and decrease carbon dioxide emissions in order to preserve the pristine environment of the APIL’s Blue Continent.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the theme for the 38th General Assembly of the Association of
2 Pacific Island Legislatures is “Renewable Energy: Alternative Energy Solutions for
3 Micronesia and the Central Pacific”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, this theme provides the APIL Member Jurisdictions with a
5 unique opportunity to discuss universal goals on energy, with targets on energy
6 access, energy efficiency, renewable energy and related means of implementation;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the APIL Board of Directors adopted Resolution No.
9 45-BOD-09, CD1 which envisioned the creation from within the APIL of a
10 commission with one representative from each APIL Member Jurisdiction, to be
11 called the “Pacific Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources Commission” to
12 identify, address, and protect the natural energy resources of each Member
13 Jurisdiction; and

14 **WHEREAS**, while the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has passed
15 this particular resolution and numerous other resolutions concerning the conversion of
16 our fossil fuel based power production to alternate energy sources, the nature and
17 scope of alternative energy dialogues within the APIL Pacific still remain highly
18 fragmented, and there is no truly Pacific-wide discourse or platform that brings
19 together all APIL Member Jurisdictions and other stakeholders in an inclusive
20 manner; and

1 **WHEREAS**; moving forward, the APIL Member Jurisdictions may wish to
2 again consider the best format and forum for their respective Energy Secretaries,
3 Directors and Ministers to meet, as an inclusive regional high-level dialogue platform
4 on energy to track progress and shape the regional discourse; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the delegates to the 38th APIL General
6 Assembly that the Member Jurisdictions of the APIL should seek technical assistance
7 from the United States and other developed countries who are utilizing renewable
8 energy and are researching new and exciting developments in alternate energy
9 technologies with a request for them to help us determine if such new technologies
10 are suitable to provide power for our island communities and networks; and

11 **WHEREAS**, as tropical islanders, we must also utilize our own talents and
12 expertise to consider ways of more efficiently harnessing the proven technologies of
13 solar panels and wind turbines, but also to consider the many other less proven
14 technologies for application in the tropical Pacific, such as run-of-stream hydro, tidal
15 flows, ocean currents, ocean thermals, ocean swells, and uniquely characterized
16 Micronesia based renewable resources such as the substitution of fossil fuels with
17 coconut oil diesel and the cultivation of high energy marine based organisms in
18 naturally warmed salt water ponds, such as algae; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Members of the APIL that we should also
20 be considering the possibilities of instituting hybrid-based alternate energy systems
21 that combine conventional alternate energy equipment with other much needed atoll
22 mechanisms, such as the hybrid solar arrays combined with salt water to fresh water
23 extraction systems that have just recently been announced as potentially more
24 efficient solar energy production and potable water extraction technologies; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in considering novel alternative energy and hybrid systems, it is
2 the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that we should always be
3 cautious and that we should direct our limited financial resources to projects that are
4 well researched and found to be feasible at our scales of remote energy production
5 and distribution; now, therefore,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th
7 General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the
8 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby embraces an initiative that puts into
9 place a framework for implementation of alternative energy solutions for Micronesia
10 and the Central Pacific that will strengthen dialogues, scale-up partnerships and joint
11 action plans, catalyze investments, and build capacity for the implementation and
12 monitoring of alternate energy systems that are now being emplaced and will
13 certainly be constructed in the near future; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
15 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and copies of the same shall be
16 transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the
17 Member Jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures for the
18 perusal of our respective government branches and for sharing with the CEO's of our
19 utility services agencies and authorities.

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


NELSON STEPHEN
ACTING PRESIDENT


IVAN A. BLANCO
SECRETARY

