



# 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-18

**“Expressing sincere appreciation of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the Compact of Free Association Alliance National Network for the significant work they are doing to help advance the rights, privileges and opportunities of the citizens of the Freely Associated States residing in the USA, and expressing gratitude for the Network’s continuing efforts to ensure equal and inclusive treatment of these citizens in the USA.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, the COFA Alliance National Network (CANN) is an Oregon  
2     based non-profit organization that is dedicated to advocating for the people of the  
3     three Pacific Island nations that have a unique Compact or treaty with the United  
4     States; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the primary goal of the organization is to seek social and  
6     economic justice under the law for all COFA residents in Oregon and throughout the  
7     50 states and its territories; and

8           **WHEREAS**, CANN is focused on educating Americans of the different issues  
9     faced by COFA citizens in the United States of America; and

10          **WHEREAS**, CANN was created to highlight the injustices being done to  
11     COFA citizens and, in a collaborate effort, to address the issues that continue to  
12     hinder the advancement of COFA citizens in the USA; and

13          **WHEREAS**; CANN’s strategic plan is to address, among other issues,  
14     healthcare and education of COFA citizens beginning at the state level with the hope  
15     to also address these issues at the national level in an effort to help ensure guaranteed  
16     access by COFA citizens to quality and affordable education and healthcare; and

17          **WHEREAS**, even with limited resources, CANN has been successful in its  
18     efforts to lobby the passage of state legislation that ensure that COFA citizens have


1 access to affordable education and quality healthcare in the states of Oregon and  
2 Washington; and

3 **WHEREAS**, CANN is forward looking and seeks to expand its work to help  
4 other states in the USA and continues to improve upon its strategic plan to address the  
5 many issues facing COFA citizens who are the residents in other USA states and  
6 eventually addressing these issues at the national level; now, therefore,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38<sup>th</sup>  
8 General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the APIL  
9 hereby express our sincere appreciation to the COFA Alliance National Network for  
10 the significant work they are doing to help advance the rights, privileges and  
11 opportunities of the COFA citizens residing in the USA and expresses our sincere  
12 appreciation of CANN's continuing efforts to ensure equal and inclusive treatment of  
13 these citizens while residing in the United States of America; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the  
15 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be  
16 transmitted to the CEO of the COFA Alliance National Network, and to the Chief  
17 Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the  
18 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019.**

  
**NELSON STEPHEN**  
**ACTING PRESIDENT**

  
**IVAN A. BLANCO**  
**SECRETARY**

