



# 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

### APIL Resolution No. 39-GA-09, CD1

**“Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan) in its participation as observer at the World Health Organization’s 76th World Health Assembly.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, one hundred eleven years ago, on October 10, 1911, the  
2   Republic of China (Taiwan) was founded; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the islands of the Pacific and the Republic of China  
4   (Taiwan) have been friends and allies for many year; and throughout this time,  
5   the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the people of the islands  
6   of the Pacific and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a  
7   strong partnership; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the theme of this year’s 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the  
9   Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is “*Health is Wealth: Social and*  
10   *Economic Well-Being of our APIL Community*”; and

11          **WHEREAS**, as often expressed by the Republic of China (Taiwan),  
12   we in the islands of the APIL Pacific also believe that good health is important  
13   to every citizen of the world and believe that access to the highest standard of  
14   health information and services is necessary to improve the public’s health;  
15   and

16          **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China’s (Taiwan's) achievements in the  
17   field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy  
18   levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of  
19   western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera,

1 smallpox, and the plague; and being the first nation to eradicate polio and  
2 provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has been a strong  
4 supporter of the health and well-being of the peoples of the Pacific islands and  
5 has provided the islands with substantial assistance to improve our health  
6 outcomes; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the peoples of the APIL Pacific are very fortunate that  
8 during the COVID-19 pandemic which first began to sweep across the world  
9 in the early months of 2020, the Republic of China (Taiwan) quickly and  
10 unselfishly rushed to the aid of our people donating and transporting essential  
11 supplies and medicines found necessary to combat this deadly disease; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the  
13 Republic of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and  
14 growth of the economy of this great country. In furthering its commitment to  
15 freedom and democracy, Taiwan continues to seek representation and  
16 meaningful participation in international organizations; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)  
18 Constitution states that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of  
19 health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without  
20 distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition."; and  
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan), with 23,500,000 people,  
23 has a population that is greater than three-fourths of member states already  
24 admitted into the WHO; and

25 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island  
26 Legislatures that because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best  
27 interest of the human condition of our whole world that the Republic of China  
28 (Taiwan) be afforded access to international organizations devoted to the  
29 world's health in order to benefit from information regarding the prevention,

1 monitoring and cure of epidemic diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical  
2 attacks, and discussions of global health policies; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Assembly is the decision-making body  
4 of the World Health Organization. It is attended by delegations from all WHO  
5 Member States and focuses on a specific health agenda prepared by the  
6 Executive Board; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the main functions of the World Health Assembly are to  
8 determine the policies of the World Health Organization, to appoint its  
9 Director-General, to supervise financial policies, and to review and approve  
10 the proposed programme budget; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to  
12 participate in activities of the organization in the past, including the Palestine  
13 Liberation Organization, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See; and

14 **WHEREAS**, during the G7 Foreign and Development Minister's  
15 Meeting in May 2021, the G7 countries, comprised of Canada, France,  
16 Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States have  
17 supported the inclusion of the Republic of China (Taiwan) at the World Health  
18 Assembly through a joint communique; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly is scheduled  
20 to be held at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland, in the month of  
21 May, 2023; now, therefore,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,  
23 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14, 2022, that the  
24 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby supports the Republic of  
25 China's (Taiwan's) participation as an observer at the World Health  
26 Organization's 76th World Health Assembly; and

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify  
2   and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
3   the same shall thereafter be transmitted to the Director General of the World  
4   Health Organization, to the President of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and  
5   to the Chief Executive and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member  
6   jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.**



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**SHELTEN G. NETH**  
**PRESIDENT**



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**VINNIE V. F. SABLAN**  
**SECRETARY**

