



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
FSM, State of Chuuk  
FSM, State of Kosrae  
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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-13

**“Expressing support for the FSM’s Blue Prosperity Micronesia initiative and encouraging all APIL entities to conserve our environment and its natural resources, especially the natural biodiversity of our ecosystems.”**

1       **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)  
2 recognizes the importance of the natural environment, especially the marine  
3 environment, which is already in a fragile state in view of numerous issues such  
4 as over-exploitation and climate change; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the ocean resources are crucial to maintaining and supporting  
6 the livelihood of communities and peoples in the Pacific region; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the ongoing stressors of the marine environment and the  
8 competing demands and uses of marine resources require thorough and thoughtful  
9 planning to ensure that the natural marine resources are properly conserved,  
10 utilized and exploited; and

11       **WHEREAS**, a key strategy among the recognized tools in marine resource  
12 management is the marine spatial plan; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia has  
14 initiated and developed the “Blue Prosperity Micronesia” initiative that has a key  
15 element of marine spatial planning to inform any decision with respect to the  
16 allocation of resources, the planned use thereof and any resource conservation  
17 strategy; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures commends the  
2 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia for this important initiative and  
3 the corresponding marine spatial plan which has been endorsed by  
4 the FSM Congress; now, therefore,


5       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,  
6 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14, 2022, that this  
7 Assembly hereby declares that it is in support and congratulates the Government  
8 of the Federated States of Micronesia for the Blue Prosperity Micronesia initiative  
9 and for the congressional endorsement of the companion marine spatial plan; and

10       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this APIL General Assembly  
11 expresses further encouragement for all APIL entities to conserve our  
12 environment and its natural resources, especially the natural biodiversity of our  
13 ecosystems; and

14       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify  
15 and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of  
16 the same shall be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of  
17 Micronesia, to the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
18 to the Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, and to  
19 the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member  
20 jurisdiction of the Association of 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**

