



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-25

“Respectfully requesting the APIL member governments to establish the Pacific Ocean Conservation Caucus (POCC) to support efforts to protect and restore the ocean across the Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures was founded
2 with a commitment to regional cooperation, coordination, exchange and assistance;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is
5 to help individual Pacific island governments achieve their goals through collective
6 action; and

7 **WHEREAS**, 96 percent of the Pacific island region is ocean; and

8 **WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of Pacific islanders depend on the ocean
9 for sustenance and income; and

10 **WHEREAS**, healthy, biodiverse ocean ecosystems and coastlines are
11 integral to the livelihood, health and cultures of Pacific communities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the health of the ocean is threatened by climate change,
13 pollution and poor management of resources; and

14 **WHEREAS**, multiple bodies have repeatedly recognized the economic,
15 cultural, environmental, and humanitarian importance of the ocean including the
16 United Nations through its Resolution on Oceans and Law of the Seas, the Pacific
17 Islands Forum in its 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures can enact
19 policies to protect the ocean, preserve ocean ecosystems, and secure future
20 sustainable use; and

1 **WHEREAS**, ocean management and conservation initiatives can benefit
2 from mutual exchange and cooperation on ocean conservation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Ocean Conservation Caucus will be established at
4 the adoption of this resolution, and it would be in the best interest of the region for
5 the APIL to coordinate the establishment of the Pacific Ocean Conservation Caucus;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Pacific Ocean Conservation Caucus
8 will be the link for all APIL member jurisdictions to the International Conservation
9 Caucus Foundation (ICCF); now, therefore,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the Association of Pacific
11 Island Legislatures, 39th General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14,
12 2022, that the APIL will establish an Ocean Conservation Caucus to support the
13 Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures member governments in their efforts
14 to protect and restore the ocean; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Association of Pacific Island
16 Legislatures charges this caucus with cooperating individual legislators, similar
17 caucuses in other legislatures such as the United States Congress, and Oceans
18 focused organizations, to exchange ideas and best practices on oceans conservation,
19 and build a community of conservation minded legislators; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and
21 the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
22 shall be thereafter transmitted to Chief Executive and the Legislative Presiding
23 Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island
24 Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.



SHELTEN G. NETH
PRESIDENT



VINNIE V. F. SABLAN
SECRETARY

