



# 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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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. 40-GA-06

**“Fully endorsing the mission and goals of the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS) and requesting the support of the governments, stakeholders and concerned citizens of the APIL member jurisdictions for the PacIOOS program in its endeavors in providing our island governments, stakeholders and concerned citizens with sustained coastal and ocean observations and access to timely information that will definitely assist us in our understanding and decision-making with respect to the many, varied states of our challenging ocean environment.”**

1       **WHEREAS**, rising sea levels, increasing intensity and frequency of typhoons,  
2       extreme weather events (e.g., storms, droughts), and overall changes in global climate  
3       pose significant threats to the security of APIL member jurisdictions; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the APIL firmly believes that it is essential to long term survival  
5       and security in the Pacific to first observe and record, and then to come to a deeper  
6       understanding of the current and potential threats to our island lifestyles, livelihoods,  
7       economies and cultures that are being caused by these changing and hazardous  
8       oceanic and coastal conditions that are engulfing our fragile marine environment; and

9       **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), which  
10       was established in 2007, was founded on the basic premise that solidly obtained and  
11       scientifically analyzed coastal and ocean information will help save lives and will  
12       help protect the capital, environmental, and cultural resources of our islands and seas;  
13       and

14       **WHEREAS**, PacIOOS aims to empower all those in our region of the Pacific  
15       whose lives and welfare are integrally connected with the ocean and the many others  
16       who are dependent on our ocean resources by providing them with easy, accurate and

1 reliable coastal and ocean information, and thereafter by identifying for them the  
2 requisite tools and services to cope with the ocean challenges that are being  
3 brought upon us by global warming, sea rise and climate degradation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, PacIOOS seeks to deploy and maintain ocean observing assets  
5 throughout much of our region of the Pacific, such as (1) wave buoys, (2) water  
6 quality sensors, (3) atmospheric and ocean forecasts, and (4) data management  
7 and delivery tools, that are designed to bolster climate resilience and to protect  
8 lives and livelihoods; and

9 **WHEREAS**, PacIOOS seeks to work with APIL member jurisdictions, both  
10 through direct engagement and through collaboration with regional partners, in  
11 carrying out its mission and accomplishing its goals; now, therefore,

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 40<sup>th</sup>  
13 General Assembly, FSM State of Chuuk, October 18-20, 2023, that this  
14 Assembly hereby fully endorses the mission and goals of the Pacific Islands  
15 Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS); and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL member jurisdictions are  
17 respectfully requested to diligently and enthusiastically support the on-the-ground  
18 and open-ocean efforts of PacIOOS in providing our island governments,  
19 stakeholders and concerned citizens with sustained coastal and ocean  
20 observations and access to timely information that will definitely assist us in our  
21 understanding and decision-making with respect to the many, varied states of our  
22 challenging ocean environment; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify, and  
24 the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same  
25 shall be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Carl Goulman, U.S. IOOS Director; to Dr.  
26 Michael Bruno, Provost at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; to Dr.  
27 Christopher Sabine, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Interim Vice Provost for  
28 Research and Scholarship and PacIOOS Governing Council Chair; to Dr. Charles

1 Fletcher, Interim Dean, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology,  
2 University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; to Ms. Melissa Iwamoto, PacIOOS Director;  
3 and to the Chief Executive and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member  
4 jurisdiction of the APIL.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**



**NELSON STEPHEN  
PRESIDENT**



**TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE  
SECRETARY**

