



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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. 41-GA-07

“Extending the sincere appreciation by the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the Honorable Members of the 118th U.S. Congress and to his Excellency, U.S. President Joseph Biden, Jr. for the inclusion in U.S. Public Law No. 118-42 of tuition assurances for the Freely Associated States’ students attending U.S. colleges and universities.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the theme of this year’s General Assembly of the Association of Pacific
2 Island Legislatures is “Human development in Oceania: How can legislatures strengthen
3 people-centered security for the Pacific islanders? The state of and future perspectives on
4 food security, economic security, cybersecurity, and other indicators of human
5 development.”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, attached to this theme is the principle that to truly accomplish the goals
7 of human development in our region of the world, our efforts must be “people-centered”;
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9 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the members of the Association of Pacific Island
10 Legislatures that a fully literate and educated population is essential to the security and
11 development of our region of the world; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are
13 cognizant of the fact that U.S. Public Law No. 118-42, which was signed into effect on
14 March 8, 2024, includes the most recent, negotiated amendments to the Compacts of Free
15 Association, extending the financial provisions of the Compacts and updating federal
16 program services for another twenty years; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this United States law also provides that public institutions of higher
18 education in the United States that are admitting students who are citizens of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau to
20 study at their institutions should charge these Micronesian students at rates of tuition for


1 attendance that are not greater than the rates charged for residents of the State in which
2 such a public institution of higher education is located; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of this 41st General Assembly of the Association of
4 Pacific Island Legislatures that this provision of U.S. Public Law No. 118-42 is essential
5 for the educational development of the best and brightest of our youth of today, who will
6 become the future leaders of our communities, of our states, of our nations, and of the blue
7 continent of the APIL Pacific of tomorrow; now, therefore,

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 41st General
9 Assembly, Republic of Palau, August 12-13, 2024, that members of the Association of
10 Pacific Island Legislatures hereby extend our sincere appreciation to the Honorable
11 Members of the 118th U.S. Congress and to His Excellency, U.S. President Joseph Biden
12 Jr., for the inclusion in U.S. Public Law No. 118-42 of tuition assurances for the Freely
13 Associated States' students attending U.S. colleges and universities; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
15 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be transmitted
16 to the President of the United States of America, to the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives of the United States Congress, to the President of the Senate of the United
18 States Congress and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each
19 member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.


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ACTING PRESIDENT


VICTOR BAMOG
ACTING SECRETARY

