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## A RESOLUTION

### APIL Resolution No. 42-GA-14

**“Supporting the First Annual Micronesian Regional Educational Summit; affirming the commitment of Micronesian Leaders to advance quality, cultural relevance, and equitable education systems; and encouraging sustained regional collaboration to strengthen education across Micronesia.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Her Excellency Dr. Hilda C. Heine,  
2   President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the 27th Micronesian Islands  
3   Forum (MIF) highlighted education as a top regional priority for sustainable  
4   development and social resilience across Micronesia; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the  
6   Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, led the CNMI delegation to the  
7   27th MIF convened in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, from June 30 to  
8   July 4, 2025, where regional leaders reaffirmed their shared commitment to  
9   strengthening quality, equitable, and culturally grounded education systems; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the 27th MIF Joint Communiqué formally endorsed the  
11   Regional Education Committee’s report and reaffirmed its collective objectives to:

- 12           1. Advance teacher training and workforce development;
- 13           2. Enhance digital and distance learning capabilities;
- 14           3. Expand access to culturally and linguistically relevant curriculum  
15           and resources;
- 16           4. Strengthen regional education data, research collaboration, and  
17           innovation networks; and

1           5. Mobilize sustained funding and partnerships with regional and  
2           international development partners; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the leaders called for deeper coordination among education  
4           ministries, universities, and legislative bodies to align policies and sustain progress  
5           on these commitments, with the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)  
6           recognized as a key regional partner in promoting legislative support and  
7           cooperation; and

8           **WHEREAS**, APIL recognizes that education is fundamental to regional  
9           stability, workforce development, and the preservation of indigenous languages,  
10          cultures, and values that define Micronesia’s shared identity; and

11          **WHEREAS**, the Micronesian Islands Forum (MIF) Regional Education  
12          Committee, in its 2025 findings, identified shared challenges including shortages of  
13          skilled workers, out-migration of talent, limited culturally relevant learning  
14          resources, shifting funding landscapes, and evolving educational technologies; and

15          **WHEREAS**, the Committee emphasized the importance of strengthening  
16          educational quality, cultural relevance, equity of access, and sustained funding  
17          support to ensure all students in Micronesia have equitable opportunities to learn  
18          and thrive; and

19          **WHEREAS**, collaboration among APIL member jurisdictions provides  
20          opportunities to share best practices, coordinate capacity-building, leverage limited  
21          technical resources, and elevate regional advocacy; and

22          **WHEREAS**, APIL has previously recognized the importance of regional  
23          capacity-building partnerships and collaboration with development partners across  
24          critical sectors, including education; now, therefore,

1           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 42nd  
2   General Assembly on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,  
3   October 28-29, 2025, that the members hereby express their full support for the First  
4   Annual Micronesian Regional Education Summit to be convened in April 2026  
5   under the auspices of the Micronesian Islands Forum and its Regional Education  
6   Committee; and

7           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the APIL hereby endorse the  
8   convening of an Annual Micronesian Regional Education Summit, to be hosted on  
9   a rotational basis among jurisdictions represented in the Micronesian Islands  
10   Forum and APIL member states; and

11          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that APIL urges all member jurisdictions  
12   to participate actively in the Summit, contribute to its agenda, and align legislative  
13   and policy frameworks that advance quality education, teacher development, and  
14   the integration of indigenous languages and values in school systems; and

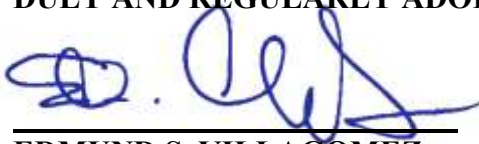
15          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that APIL commits to ongoing regional  
16   advocacy to secure sustained funding for teacher training, digital access, locally  
17   developed curriculum, and community-based cultural education; and


18          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the First Annual Regional Education  
19   Summit shall be held in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
20   (CNMI) in April 2026, with the host jurisdiction coordinating with education  
21   ministries, boards, universities, and regional partners to establish the agenda and  
22   implementation framework; and

23          **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that APIL members commit to  
24   coordinated regional advocacy to secure sustained and predictable funding for  
25   teacher training, workforce development, culturally relevant curriculum, digital  
26   access, and community-based cultural education; and

1           **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify and  
2   the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of this  
3   resolution be transmitted to the Micronesian Islands Forum Secretariat; the Pacific  
4   Islands Forum Secretariat; the U.S. Department of the Interior – Office of Insular  
5   Affairs; the Pacific Islands Development Bank; UNESCO; to the heads of  
6   government and Presiding Legislative Officers of each APIL member jurisdiction  
7   of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.**

  
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**EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ**  
**PRESIDENT**

  
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**VICTOR BAMOG**  
**SECRETARY**

