



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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. 51-BOD-05

“Encouraging the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to consider participating on Trade Missions to the Republic of China, Taiwan.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the island nation of the Republic of China, Taiwan has been a positive and
2 productive economic partner to Pacific Island countries by providing technical assistance in
3 encouraging diverse economic markets, including agriculture, fisheries, tourism, trade and others;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures wishes to participate in trade
6 missions throughout the Pacific Rim to encourage future outbound and inbound movement of
7 products and services from the APIL member entities and throughout the Asia/Pacific Rim; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the APIL member entities are ideally positioned to benefit from the market
9 opportunities that currently exist in Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Rim, and

10 **WHEREAS**, the importance of East Asia/Pacific commercial growth to the world economy
11 has increased tremendously and the benefits of trade with neighboring APIL member jurisdictions
12 will boost islands' economies; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China, Taiwan, and its foreign trade has been the engine of
14 Taiwan's rapid growth during the past 50 years and Taiwan's economy remains export-oriented and
15 dependent on an open world trade market, and under an ideal trade scenario, the APIL member
16 entities could enjoy millions worth of new exports in products and services annually; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China, Taiwan became a member of the World Trade
18 Organization (WTO) as a special customs territory in January 2002, enabling it to significantly
19 expand its export economy; and

20 **WHEREAS**, such trade missions to be undertaken by the APIL are exploratory in nature,
21 but the opportunity and potential for successful partnership can be materialized; and

22 **WHEREAS**, APIL is fully committed to commerce and trade through the establishment of
23 the Pacific Islands Development Bank; now, therefore

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
2 Legislatures, 51st Board Meeting, December 1-3, 2010, Colonia, Yap, Federated States of
3 Micronesia, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,
4 are encouraged to participate on Trade Missions to the Republic of China, Taiwan; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
6 Secretary shall attest, to the adoption of this resolution and that copies of the same shall be
7 thereafter transmitted to the President of the Republic of China, Taiwan and to the Chief Executives
8 and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member legislature of the Association of Pacific Island
9 Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010.


REBLUD KESOLEI
PRESIDENT


ALIK J. ALIK
SECRETARY

