



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

Resolution No. 53-BOD-04

“Expressing sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to the PEW Environment Group and its representatives and to their local NGO partners and their members for their hard work and efforts in organizing and conducting the Shark Sanctuary Workshop and for their promise of continuing support to the APIL legislative assemblies as we continue to develop and harmonize legislation on the protection of the shark species of the Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, during the 30th General Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15 - 17,
2 2011, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted Resolution No. 30-GA- 03 in
3 which the APIL declared that it is in agreement with the perceptive enactments of
4 legislation in Palau, Hawaii, CNMI, and Guam with respect to the protection of the shark
5 species of the Pacific, and requested all member legislative assemblies of the APIL to
6 adopt similar legislation for a unified regional ban prohibiting the possession, selling,
7 offering for sale, trading or distribution of shark fins, rays and ray parts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in response to the APIL resolution, the Republic of the Marshall
9 Islands established the Worlds largest shark sanctuary and Kosrae State became the first
10 FSM State to enact shark conservation legislation and American Samoa adopted
11 legislation banning the possession, sale and trade of shark fins; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on December 3-4, 2012, in the State of Pohnpei, FSM, the PEW
13 Environment Group and its local NGO partners, the Micronesia Conservation Trust and
14 the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, organized and conducted a workshop for the
15 delegates present in the State of Pohnpei for the December APIL Board of Directors’
16 meeting on shark conservation measures, providing significant data and advice on
17 drafting effective laws on the protection of shark species, thereby, promoting APIL’s
18 initiative to make the world’s largest shark sanctuary out of the ocean waters of our Blue
19 Continent; and

1 **WHEREAS**, these highly committed and very knowledgeable NGOs who
2 organized and conducted the workshop have promised their continuing support to the
3 legislative efforts of the APIL members in enacting and harmonizing our protective shark
4 bills and laws; now, therefore,

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd Board
6 of Directors' Meeting, State of Pohnpei, FSM, December 5-6, 2012, that the Board of
7 Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, do hereby express
8 its sincere appreciation and profound gratitude to the PEW Environment Group and its
9 representatives and to the local NGO partners and their members for their hard work and
10 efforts; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of APIL shall certify and the
12 Secretary of APIL shall attest, to the adoption of this resolution, and that copies
13 thereupon be transmitted to the representatives of the PEW Environment Group who
14 organized and conducted the workshop, Ms. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Ms. Elizabeth
15 Karan and Ms. Laurie Peterka, to their partners in the Micronesia Conservation Trust
16 and the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative
17 Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island
18 Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

**JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
PRESIDENT**

**CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY**

