



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
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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-06

“Relative to expressing the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures’ support of and advocacy for full implementation of food security measures for remote island populations.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) recognizes that
2 the ocean and our associated reefs provide resources of economic, cultural, and ecological
3 value that are essential to our quality of life and very existence; and

4 **WHEREAS**, there is overwhelming scientific evidence that coral reefs, worldwide
5 are declining and that the devastating impacts of global climate change will decimate the
6 coral reefs thereby resulting in many of the low lying islands and insular areas with the
7 possibility of having less-than-adequate food supplies; and

8 **WHEREAS**, APIL acknowledges that natural disasters from time to time also
9 adversely affect much needed food supplies that are provided locally through fishing and
10 agriculture or that are shipped from other areas; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the APIL acknowledges the importance of programs that meet the
12 emergency and nonemergency food needs, as well as those programs that support food
13 security goals; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the APIL encourages private not-for-profit entities, private volunteer
15 organizations, and government-to-government partnerships in order that such programs may
16 be identified, applied for, and implemented so as to provide food security for Pacific peoples
17 who reside on low lying or geographically disparate islands before, during, and after food
18 crises and disasters; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd Board of
2 Directors Meeting, State of Pohnpei, FSM, December 5-6, 2012, that the Association of
3 Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses its support of and advocacy for full
4 implementation of food security programs for remote island populations; and

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

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



JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
PRESIDENT



CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY

