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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 53-BOD-07

“Respectfully requesting the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security on the Island of Guam to consider the plight of the Micronesian travelers to allow them to be processed swiftly and efficiently in separate lines and immigration booths.”

1 **WHEREAS**, over the years the U.S. immigration officials that operate within
2 Guam’s international airport have earned an outstanding reputation for courtesy,
3 politeness and efficiency in the processing of airline passengers passing through that
4 facility; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in their pursuit of swiftness and comfort of the travelers as they are
6 processed through the immigration system, special lines have been established to allow
7 travelers to be divided into recognizable groups and processed accordingly; and

8 **WHEREAS**, such categorizations have included the crews of the airliners and
9 divisions between U.S. citizens and holders of foreign passports; and

10 **WHEREAS**, until recently, passengers arriving from other Micronesian islands
11 have not suffered any inconvenience or discomfort while transiting through Antonio B.
12 Won Pat International Airport (Guam International Airport) since the planes that carry
13 these passengers usually arrived at the airport at times other than when the huge
14 passenger liners coming in from the Asian destinations land at the same airport; and

15 **WHEREAS**, just recently, the schedules of the United Airlines planes coming in
16 from the Micronesian islands have been altered in such a way that these planes are off-
17 loading their passengers at the same time as the jumbo jets coming in from the Asian
18 countries; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this change in airline schedules has resulted in the Micronesian
2 passengers becoming engulfed in the long lines of Asian travelers and having to wait
3 sometimes for two to three hours for immigration processing; now, therefore,

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd
5 Board of Directors Meeting, December 5-6, 2012, State of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Board
6 of Directors on behalf of the APIL do hereby respectfully request the U.S. Customs and
7 Border Protection (CBP) under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, on the Island
8 of Guam, to consider the plight of the Micronesian travelers and to allow them to be
9 processed swiftly and efficiently in separate lines and immigration booths; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
11 APIL Secretary shall attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be
12 transmitted to the Chief Official in Charge of the Guam Office of the U.S. Customs and
13 Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Homeland Security and to the Chief
14 Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the
15 Association of the 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**

