



# 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-18

**“Endorsing the genuine appeal of the U.N. Special Rapporteur in his September 2012 report to the U.N. Human Rights Council for international solidarity by embracing, in principal, the contents of the report which assesses the impacts on human rights of the nuclear testing program conducted in the Marshall Islands by the United States Government from 1946 to 1958, and makes recommendations for affirmative action.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, the Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the  
2   United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human  
3   rights around the globe and for addressing situations of human rights violations and making  
4   recommendations on them; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Human Rights Council has the ability to discuss all thematic human  
6   rights issues and situations that require its attention throughout the year; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Council is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are  
8   elected by the UN General Assembly; and

9           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Human Right’s Council Resolution 18/11, a Special  
10   Rapporteur visited the Marshall Islands and the United States to assess the impacts on human  
11   rights of the nuclear testing program conducted in the Marshall Islands by the United States  
12   Government from 1946 to 1958; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the Special Rapporteur presented his report to the United Nations  
14   Human Rights Council at its Twenty-first Regular Session in September of 2012; and

15           **WHEREAS**, in the nineteen page report, specific recommendations were made for  
16   affirmative actions to be taken both by the Government of the Republic of the Marshall  
17   Islands and by the Government of the United States of America; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Special Rapporteur concludes his report with an appeal to the  
2 international community to stand in solidarity with the Marshallese people as they face the  
3 challenge of overcoming the legacy of nuclear testing; and

4       **WHEREAS**, as the members of the APIL who are joined in a cooperative  
5 relationship in the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures with the legislative assembly of  
6 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, we are well aware of the many challenges facing the  
7 Marshallese people with respect to the nuclear testing that was conducted on their islands and  
8 of the many efforts made by the Marshallese people over the decades since 1958 to seek  
9 redress and relief for the suffering that they have had to endure because of the devastating  
10 effects of the nuclear testing program; now, therefore,

11       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd Board of  
12 Directors meeting, December 5-6, 2012, State of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Board of Directors  
13 of the APIL hereby endorses the genuine appeal of the U.N. Special Rapporteur in his  
14 September 2012 report to the U.N. Human Rights Council for international solidarity by  
15 embracing, in principal, the contents of the report which assesses the impacts on human  
16 rights of the nuclear testing program conducted in the Marshall Islands by the United States  
17 Government from 1946 to 1958, and makes recommendations for affirmative action; and

18       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of APIL, in deep  
19 respect for, and for the enduring benefit of the Marshallese people, further calls upon other  
20 organizations within the Pacific to endorse the September 2012 report of the Special  
21 Rapporteur as well; and

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the APIL shall certify, and the  
2 Secretary of the APIL shall attest, to the adoption of this resolution, and that copies  
3 thereupon be transmitted to the President of the U.N. Council on Human Rights, to the  
4 President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, to the President of the United States of  
5 America, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member  
6 jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.**



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



**CHANG B. WILLIAM  
SECRETARY**

