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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

APIL Resolution No. 54-BD-03, CD1

"Requesting the Department of Defense of the United States Government and other officials within the U.S. Government to provide the ways and means to assign surplus and surveyed military equipment to the island governments of the Pacific and further requesting the Department of Defense to implement specially tailored procedures for disposing of surplus equipment by the U.S. Military Forces in order to expedite the transfer and to provide for the equitable distribution of the equipment among the governments of island nations and their political subdivisions."

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States, by and through its military forces, holds vehicles, vessels, machinery and equipment in excess of its needs or which have been replaced by newer vehicles and equipment within the boundaries of its bases on Guam and other locations in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, such vehicles, vessels, machinery and equipment are typically disposed of according to established procedures in order to allow space for the housing of new vehicles, vessels, machinery and equipment on the U.S. military bases in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, such vehicles, heavy construction, machinery and equipment will definitely be useful for the construction and maintenance of the infrastructure of the island communities of the Pacific, especially with respect to the transportation needs of these communities and other vital areas of public services which are provided by the island governments and which are in need of extensive maintenance and rehabilitation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 54th Board of Directors Meeting, Island of Guam, December 4-6, 2013, that the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby requests the Department of Defense of the

United States Government and other officials within the U.S. Government to provide the ways 1

and means to assign surplus and surveyed military equipment to the island governments of the

Pacific; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense is respectfully requested to waive the regular procedures for disposing of surplus vehicles, vessels, machinery and equipment by the U.S. Military Forces and, in their stead, to develop and implement special procedures specifically tailored to expedite the transfer and to provide for the distribution of such properties to the governments of the Pacific Island nations in an equitable manner and according to the needs of each island nation and their political subdivisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, to the U.S. Commander, Pacific Command (CDRUSPACOM), to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member legislature of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to such other officials and entities as the APIL President deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.

PRESIDENT

CHANG WILLIAM SECRETARY