



# 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. 54-BOD-06

**“Expressing the deepest concern for the people of the State of Yap in this time of peril to their personal health due to the outbreak of the mosquito borne-disease “Chikungunya fever”, and extending the hopes and prayers of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the swift and complete eradication of this serious ailment that is inflicting the State of Yap.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, in mid- November, 2013, the Department of Public Health and Social  
2 Services of the State of Yap, FSM issued a public alert and soon thereafter confirmed the  
3 outbreak of Chikungunya fever in that State; and

4           **WHEREAS**, “Chikungunya fever” is a viral disease transmitted to humans by the bite  
5 of infected mosquitoes which causes high fever and severe joint pain that starts suddenly; and

6           **WHEREAS**, “Chikungunya fever”, which also causes headaches, muscle pain and  
7 rash, does not often result in death, but the symptoms can be disabling, and some people can get  
8 severe complications; and

9           **WHEREAS**, there is no specific medication available to treat Chikungunya and there is  
10 no vaccine to prevent it; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the Epi-Aid Team of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and  
12 Prevention, (CDC), has been sent to Yap to assist the health workers of Yap with developing  
13 mosquito control; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the team from CDC is working closely with the Yap State Department  
15 of Public Health and Social Services, DPHSS, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the  
16 Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC); and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health and Social Services of the State of  
18 Yap is continuing to monitor the situation in neighboring islands and is working with clinicians  
19 to be vigilant for possible cases and prompt reporting to DPHSS; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the vigilant work of DPHSS, along with the expertise of the U.S. Epi-Aid  
2 Team and the assistance of the international organizations, is doing much to limit the  
3 debilitating effects of the disease within the State of Yap and is preventing its spread to other  
4 islands in the APIL Pacific; now, therefore,

5       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 54<sup>th</sup> Board of  
6 Directors Meeting, Island of Guam, December 4-6, 2013, that the Board of Directors of the  
7 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses our deepest concern for the people  
8 of the State of Yap in this time of peril to their personal health and extends our hopes and  
9 prayers for the swift and complete eradication of this public ailment that is inflicting their State;  
10 and

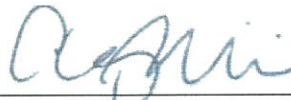
11       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Association of  
12 Pacific Island Legislatures extends its appreciation to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and  
13 Prevention and its Epi-Aid Team, and to the World Health Organization and the Secretariat of  
14 the Pacific Community for their assistance to the people of Yap in their time of need; and

15       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL  
16 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to  
17 the Governor of Yap State; to the Speaker of the Yap State Legislature; to the Health Officials  
18 of the Yap State Government; to the Chief Executive Officers of the U.S. Centers for Disease  
19 Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and the Secretariat of the Pacific  
20 Community; to the President of the Federated State of Micronesia; to the Chief Executives and  
21 Presiding Legislative Officers of the APIL Member jurisdictions, and to such other interested  
22 and relevant officials, organizations and entities as the APIL President deems appropriate.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.**



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



**CHANG WILLIAM  
SECRETARY**

