



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
FSM, State of Chuuk  
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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-07**

**“Relative to promoting affordable alternative regional transportation between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by means of a Ferry Service or similar vessels.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, despite being one island chain, in recent years the lack of  
2           sufficient volume of affordable alternative interisland transportation, the ocean  
3           between Mariana Islands has divided Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern  
4           Mariana Islands and has been an obstacle to economic and social development; and

5           **WHEREAS**, additional alternative passenger and cargo vessels will provide  
6           much needed capacity that will allow for the rapid transportation of people and goods  
7           between the islands; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the lack of passenger and cargo capacity combined with the  
9           present high costs of travel, interisland shipping, and commodities have been the main  
10          obstacles to our tourism industry and interisland trade and economic development; and

11          **WHEREAS**, with added passenger and cargo capacity at the short transit time  
12          and costs that ferries and similar vessels can provide, will allow many more people to  
13          travel, increase the agricultural and industrial production based on the existence of  
14          adequate transportation infrastructure and logistics; and

15          **WHEREAS**, the addition of a ferry or similar vessel based sea route between  
16          the islands of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will be  
17          an integral component of achieving this goal; and

18          **WHEREAS**, the addition of a ferry or similar vessel based sea route between  
19          the islands will be especially beneficial to the promotion of trade between Guam and  
20          the Island of Rota and expand the tourism market in both islands; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Government of Guam is committed to the sustainable  
2 development of not only Guam, but also the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas  
3 as One Marianas; now, therefore,

4       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 54<sup>th</sup>  
5 Board of Directors Meeting, Island of Guam, December 4-6, 2013, that the Board of  
6 Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures expresses its full support for  
7 promoting affordable alternative regional transportation between Guam and the  
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by means of a Ferry Service or other  
9 similar passenger and cargo vessel; 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 be  
12 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, Governor of Guam; to the  
13 Honorable Eloy Inos, the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
14 Islands; to the U.S. Department of Transportation and to the Chief Executives and  
15 Presiding Legislative Officers of the APIL Member jurisdictions.

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



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



**CHANG WILLIAM  
SECRETARY**

