



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. 56-BOD-02

“Congratulating Cebu Pacific Air in their expansion of offering service between Manila and Guam and further requesting Cebu Pacific Air to also consider air service to and between the other islands in Micronesia.”

1 **WHEREAS**, Micronesia and the Philippines share many geological factors and human
2 interests in common; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the islands of Micronesia and the islands of Micronesia share the same latitude,
4 the same weather patterns, the same island life styles and the same economic and social challenges;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, many professional and skilled Filipinos have been recruited to work in the
7 islands of Micronesia where they provide the Micronesian island jurisdictions with needed services
8 in many fields in both the public and private sectors of our island societies; and

9 **WHEREAS**, there is constant travel between the islands of Micronesia and the islands of the
10 Philippines as Filipinos come to their islands of recruitment and service in Micronesia and then
11 return to their home islands in the Philippines to visit their families and to renew their passports and
12 travel documents; and

13 **WHEREAS**, due to the limited health care facilities throughout Micronesia, those of our
14 people who are in need of advanced medical care are often referred to hospitals and institutions of
15 specialized health care in the Philippines; and

1 **WHEREAS**, many trips are planned and taken to and from the islands of Micronesia and the
2 islands of the Philippines in pursuit of opportunities for higher education; and

3 **WHEREAS**, economic ties and the similarity of economic opportunities between and among
4 Micronesian and Filipino business communities are leading to more and more joint ventures and
5 other forms of business arrangements within the broader region of the Western Pacific that are
6 facilitated through the transport of business leaders to and from the islands of Micronesia and the
7 islands of the Philippines; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in addition to travel to and from Micronesia and the Philippines, there is much
9 travel in between the main island destinations in Micronesia as Micronesians themselves travel to
10 attend to government functions, work assignments, conferences, family gatherings and religious
11 activities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in March of 2015, Cebu Pacific Air launched a low-fare weekly service
13 between Manila and Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Guam is Cebu Pacific Air's first U.S. destination; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Cebu Pacific Air has a network of flights that also include Sydney, Doha,
16 Beijing, Tokyo, Bali, and Dubai; and,

17 **WHEREAS**, APIL kindly encourages Cebu Pacific Air to also consider further expansion in
18 offering air service to and within the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of Northern
19 Mariana Islands, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and other island
20 destinations in Micronesia; now, therefore,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island
22 Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board
23 of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends our
24 congratulations to Cebu Pacific Air in their expansion of offering service between Manila and Guam

1 and further requests Cebu Pacific Air to also consider air service to and between the other islands in
2 Micronesia; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
4 Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and that copies of the same shall be transmitted
5 to the Chief Executive Officer of Cebu Pacific Air, to the Chief Executives and the Legislative
6 Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures,
7 and to such other agencies, institutions and NGO's providing employment opportunities, health care
8 services, higher education, and business services within our region of the Pacific as the APIL
9 President deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

