



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-04, CD1

“Recognizing *Silver Discoverer* and supporting the establishment and continuation of a sustainable cruise line industry in Micronesia.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on the morning of December 1, 2015, as the members of the Board of
2 Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures arose to prepare for the opening
3 ceremonies of this year’s Board meeting, we were treated with a visage of the rising sun over the
4 calm waters of the Pacific Ocean off the northeastern shores of Kosrae; and

5 **WHEREAS**, rising with the sun on the distant horizons of the sea was the image of
6 a large vessel approaching the shores of Kosrae; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as the vessel neared the island, her profile revealed that the ocean vessel was
8 the *Silver Discoverer*, a cruise ship carrying 120 passengers and 100 crew members on a voyage
9 through the islands of Micronesia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as the morning turned to noon, the roads and pathways of Kosrae were filled
11 with throngs of curious personalities, all intent on learning of the wonders of Kosrae and on
12 photographing the ancient ruins and scenic sights of this island state; and

13 **WHEREAS**, as Board members of the APIL, we were encouraged to witness the sincere
14 efforts being undertaken by the Kosraean people to ensure that the visit of the passengers of the
15 cruise ship *Silver Discoverer* was both pleasant and memorable; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Board has learned that upon departure from the island of Kosrae, the
17 *Silver Discoverer* is next bound for the atolls of Pingelap and Kapingamarangi in the FSM State of
18 Pohnpei; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Board has been informed that the calling of the *Silver Discoverer* on the
2 Island of Kosrae that we had the privilege to witness on the morning of December 1, 2015, is just
3 one of several voyages that have been occurring and that are planned for the future to visit the
4 islands of Micronesia; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the APIL takes special interest voyages such as that
6 currently being undertaken by the *Silver Discoverer* insofar as over a decade and half ago, in
7 March of 2000, the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted
8 Board Resolution 37-01, through which the Board first requested that all member governments of
9 the APIL support the promotion and marketing of Micronesia as a new destination to the cruise line
10 industry; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in line with the efforts of the APIL, the Micronesian Cruise Association has
12 been established by the cruise ship operators in the Pacific to support and market a network of
13 cruises in our region of the Pacific; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Micronesian Cruise Association's mission is to build collective regional
15 credibility to capitalize on socially responsible and economically sustainable opportunities, to
16 encourage the promotion of, and support for, authenticity in each of the region's island
17 destinations, to facilitate regional collaboration in cultivating and growing market visibility and
18 demonstrating a compelling value proposition among stakeholders, influencers, and consumers,
19 and to provide advice on island-specific cruise development initiatives; now, therefore,

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island
21 Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board
22 of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends our
23 sincere appreciation to the Micronesian Cruise Association for the promotion and advancement of
24 the cruise ship voyages in the waters of the APIL Pacific, and especially to the owners and

1 operators of *Silver Discoverer* who treated the Board members of the APIL with an informative
2 example in real time of cruise ship tourism at the Island of Kosrae on December 1, 2015; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the APIL reaffirms its
4 request to all member governments to support the promotion of a cruise line industry in our region
5 of the Pacific and encourages all member governments to participate as a port of visitation and to
6 help promote the growth of cruise ship tourism in Micronesia by seeking financial support from our
7 respective government treasuries and from regional and global financial institutions, such as the
8 World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Pacific Islands Development Bank, the Secretariat
9 of the Pacific Community and the Pacific Islands Forum, to enhance visitors' experiences through
10 the strengthening of our island infrastructures, the renovation and expansion of our seaports and the
11 beatification and upkeep of our island attractions; and

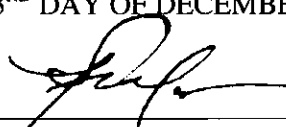
12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association
13 of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby requests the Micronesian Cruise Association to continue
14 to provide advice to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures on how our member jurisdictions
15 can support the efforts of the Micronesian Cruise Association in its continuing efforts to establish
16 and maintain a sustainable cruise line industry in Micronesia; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
18 Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and that copies of the same shall be
19 transmitted to the Presiding Officer of the Micronesian Cruise Association, to the Owners and the
20 Captain of the *Silver Discoverer*, and to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers
21 of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

