



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-05

“Respectfully requesting assistance of the Asian Development Bank in providing grant funding for an actuarial study on the feasibility of a regional health insurance plan for the peoples of the Freely Associated States, namely the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau.”

WHEREAS, the 34th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, which was held on the Island of Pohnpei in July 2015, adopted Resolution No. 34-GS-17, L.D. 1 in which this Association expressed our need to obtain funding for an actuarial study on the feasibility of a regional health insurance plan which will identify in detail: (1) administration and governance; (2) benefits package and limitations; (3) financing and pricing based on actuarial analysis; (4) participation of APIL member states; (5) sustainability; (6) potential next steps for broadening a supplemental regional health insurance plan into a regional accountable care organization; (7) exploring the potentiality of a universal health care system; and (8) portability; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the resolution by the General Assembly of the APIL in July of 2015 was a continuation of the efforts of APIL to foster and promote the establishment of a regional health insurance plan that will be portable and will incorporate advanced medical care for all APIL member states and territories if not all the jurisdictions that constitute the Blue Continent; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 34-GA-17, L.D. 1 was transmitted to the United States Ambassadors to the Freely Associated States to formally communicate the General Assembly’s request to the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, to seek the Department’s assistance in funding the actuarial study; but

1 **WHEREAS**, unfortunately, this effort to obtain financial assistance from the U.S.
2 Department of the Interior in financing the required actuarial study was not successful; however

3 **WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Association of
4 Pacific Island Legislatures that the necessary financial support might be forth coming through the
5 progressive and socially supportive funding opportunities of the Asian Development Bank; now,
6 therefore,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island
8 Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board
9 of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby directs the
10 President of the APIL to submit a formal and respectful request to the Asian Development Bank for
11 ADB to assist in the work of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures by providing grant
12 funding for an actuarial study on the feasibility of a regional health insurance plan for the peoples of
13 the Freely Associated States, namely the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of
14 Micronesia and the Republic of Palau; 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 the
17 President of the Asian Development Bank and to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding
18 Officers 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

