



# 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-13

**“Supporting Payu-ta in their endeavors to request that President Obama's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, (AAPI), hold a meeting in Micronesia in 2016 to learn about the unique Micronesian conditions and to find ways to improve access to federal programs to reduce the overwhelming disparity seen today in Micronesian communities across the Pacific.”**

1       **WHEREAS**, Payu-ta is a support system formed in 2007 and centered in Guam that  
2 promotes and strengthens its member organizations' capacities and that advocates for progressive  
3 and sustainable Micronesian communities; and

4       **WHEREAS**, Payu-ta is a collaborative partnership that maximizes resources and responds  
5 efficiently and effectively for positive community impact; and

6       **WHEREAS**, there are many health and social issues in the Micronesian region that have  
7 not yet been adequately addressed; and

8       **WHEREAS**, these health and social issues are prevalent in the United States such as teen  
9 pregnancy, homelessness, high-school dropouts, juvenile delinquency, unemployment, and  
10 communicable and non-communicable diseases; and

11       **WHEREAS**, Pacific Islanders and Micronesians are often over-represented as being at risk  
12 in the data collected on these health and social issues; and

13       **WHEREAS**, health disparity and lack of access to US federal programs continue to be a  
14 concern to policy makers, and government and community leaders; and

1       **WHEREAS**, President Obama's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific  
2 Islanders, (AAPI), was established to work with all federal agencies to improve the health,  
3 education and economic status of Asian American and Pacific Island communities; now, therefore,

4       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island  
5 Legislatures, 56<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, December 2-3, 2015, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia,  
6 that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby  
7 extends its support to Payu-ta in their endeavors to request that President Obama's Advisory  
8 Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders hold a meeting in Micronesia in 2016 to  
9 learn about the unique Micronesian conditions and to find ways to improve access to federal  
10 programs to reduce the overwhelming disparity seen today in Micronesian communities across the  
11 Pacific; and

12       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL  
13 Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and that copies of the same shall be  
14 transmitted to Presiding Officers of Payu-ta, to the Executive Director of the U.S. President's  
15 Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and to the Chief Executives and  
16 the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific  
17 Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015

  
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KENNETH A. KEDI  
PRESIDENT

  
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FERNANDO SCALIEM  
SECRETARY

