



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. 57-BOD-06

“Expressing the sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures to the Parliament of the Republic of Kiribati on the passage of Shark Sanctuary legislation thereby completing the map of the largest and most comprehensive Shark Sanctuary in the world.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Government of the Republic of Kiribati recently enacted
2 legislation establishing the Kiribati Shark Sanctuary; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the US
4 Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the Federated
5 States of Micronesia and its four states have all passed laws protecting sharks in their
6 waters as well; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the passage of the Kiribati Shark Law has ultimately led to the
8 completion of the Micronesian Shark Sanctuary which is protecting an ocean area larger
9 than the mainland of the United States of America; now, therefore,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** by Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
11 Legislatures, 57th Board Meeting, State of Chuuk, December 8-9, 2016, that this Board
12 of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses our sincere
13 appreciation to the Parliament of the Republic of Kiribati on the passage of the Shark
14 Sanctuary legislation thereby completing the map of the largest and most comprehensive
15 Shark Sanctuary in the world; and

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- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
2 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
3 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
4 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

