



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. 57-BOD-07

“Calling upon the immigration and manpower development agencies of the member jurisdictions of the APIL to join together in a concerted and coordinated effort to recruit, help train and ease the travel and work restrictions of capable and skilled groups of men and women from all across the vast domains of the Blue Continent to help service the expanding demands of the tourism industry and other economic endeavors in the fortunate islands that are realizing rapid growth in these sectors of economic development.”

1 **WHEREAS**, throughout the thirty-five years of the existence of the Association
2 of Pacific Island Legislatures, this organization has consistently called for and applauded
3 the success of our member jurisdictions in the development of each of our individual
4 island economies; and

5 **WHEREAS**, throughout these years, the Association of Pacific Island
6 Legislatures has repeatedly pressed for the reduction of trade barriers, the training of our
7 peoples to become skilled workers, and the removal of travel and work restrictions
8 among the many governing entities of the Blue Continent; and

9 **WHEREAS**, although the APIL calls for economic development, the reduction of
10 trade barriers and the ease of movement of skilled and trainable workers between and
11 among the island jurisdictions is universal across the vast stretches of the Blue Continent,
12 fate and location have often resulted in the economies of some of our island jurisdictions
13 to advance more rapidly and sometimes to fall behind the advancement of others; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as the members of the APIL Board of Directors are meeting in the
15 State of Chuuk in the last month of the year, 2016, we are very encouraged to learn of
16 new opportunities in economic development that are occurring within the Blue Continent,
17 such as the increasing levels of Asian travelers visiting the Republic of Palau and the
18 resurgence of tourism in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with these favorable indicators of economic development, the
2 affected island governments are looking to increase the capacity of their workforces to
3 meet the challenges that are brought about by the growth in their tourism sectors; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the necessity of building workforce capacities among the island
5 jurisdictions experiencing rapid tourism development is leading the governments of these
6 fortunate jurisdictions to look throughout the island populations of the Blue Continent for
7 skilled workers and trainable youth to fill their ever increasing pools of manpower which
8 must be dedicated to servicing the expanding tourism industry; now, therefore,

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** by Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
10 Legislatures, 57th Board Meeting, State of Chuuk, December 8-9, 2016, that this Board
11 of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby calls upon the
12 immigration and manpower development agencies of the member jurisdictions of the
13 APIL to join together in a concerted and coordinated effort to recruit, help train and ease
14 the travel and work restrictions of skilled groups of men and women from all across the
15 vast domains of the Blue Continent to help service the expanding demands of the tourism
16 industry and other economic endeavors in the fortunate islands that are realizing rapid
17 growth in these sectors of economic development; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
19 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
20 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
21 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

