



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. 58-BOD-06, CD1

“Calling upon and urging the Government of the United States of America to provide visa-waivers for tourists transiting through Guam and Hawaii on US airlines bound for the Federated States of Micronesia.”

1 **WHEREAS**, APIL is committed to supporting and facilitating the growth and
2 development of its member jurisdictions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, APIL recognizes that many of our member jurisdictions rely upon the
4 tourism industry to sustain growth and development; and

5 **WHEREAS**, APIL has consistently raised the issue of tourism development and US
6 immigration procedures on behalf of our member jurisdictions through actions such as Resolution
7 No. 55-BOD-12 and Resolution No. 53-BOD-07; and

8 **WHEREAS**, APIL expresses its fullest support for the Federated States of Micronesia
9 (FSM) in its efforts to expand and stabilize its tourism industries; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the four States of the FSM are similarly situated by virtue of their geographic
11 and economic configuration, relying upon the available airline flights to supply their communities
12 with tourists that will fund the larger economic development of the FSM; and

13 **WHEREAS**, US-based airlines currently transfer tourists bound for FSM through Guam
14 or Hawaii, but because of stringent visa requirements for passengers from the People’s Republic of
15 China, a significant portion of FSM total tourism market is discouraged from traveling to FSM;
16 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Government of the United States has the authority to waive visa
2 requirements for certain classifications of passengers, and should do so on behalf of its diplomatic
3 partner, the Federated States of Micronesia, in order to have a strong, positive impact on the
4 FSM's emerging tourism markets; now, therefore,

5 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
6 Legislatures, 58th Board Meeting, Republic of Palau, December 6-7, 2017, that this Board of
7 Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby calls upon and urges the
8 Government of the United States of America to provide visa-waivers for tourists transiting through
9 Guam and Hawaii on US airlines bound for the Federated States of Micronesia; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
11 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the
12 Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the Chief Executives and Presiding
13 Legislative Officers of the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

