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Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

” A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 62-BOD-02

“Commending the five students from PICS High School on their success at the FIRST Global Challenge event hosted in Geneva, Switzerland, winning in the Small Island Country category.”

2 **WHEREAS**, October 13, 2022, marked the day which the FIRST Global
3 Challenge commenced in Geneva, Switzerland; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the FIRST Global Challenge is a robotics competition that is open
5 to all countries and territories, and in which the PICS High School Robotics Club Team
6 participated; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the PICS High School Robotics Club Team consist of seven
8 members; however, due to qualification criterions only five were selected to represent
9 PICS High School and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in the international
10 competition; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the selection process resulted with the following students as the
12 eligible participants to represent PICS High School and the FSM in the competition;
13 Eberhard Salons, Einstein Halbert, Chennelle Cantero, JC Curley, and Norman Isaac
14 Pedrus; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on their journey to the competition in Geneva, Switzerland, the
16 initial prototype built to be used in the competition was unfortunately confiscated at the
17 Ninoy Aquino International Airport, formerly known as the Manila International Airport
18 in Manila, Philippines; and, consequently,

1 **WHEREAS**, upon their arrival in Geneva, Switzerland, the team had to construct
2 another robot for the competition, and for approximately 36 hours they worked tirelessly
3 and diligently to construct an operable robot for the competition; and

4 **WHEREAS**, at the competition, in order to further showcase that their
5 intelligence and capabilities were comparable with other teams' entries, each member of
6 the Pohnpei team closely observed the weaknesses and the strengths of their robot and
7 made adjustments and modifications to improve the design and enhance the robot's
8 performance capabilities to compete; and

9 **WHEREAS**, their great dedication, their uncompromising diligence and their
10 unstoppable commitment to winning earned the Pohnpei team the top-seed in the Small
11 Island Country Category, a commendable effort against island countries and territories;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, following this inspiring journey, the members of the Pohnpei team
14 have all expressed their belief that this incredible experience has exponentially affected
15 their growth, both personally and academically, and as such, their exposure to the outside
16 world has enabled them to realized their potential in robotics; and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Board of Directors of the Association of the
18 Pacific Island Legislatures that the success of the PICS High School Robotics Club in the
19 2022 First Global Challenge has yielded an inspiring and motivating outcome for the
20 whole region, and has shed light on the potentials of our students; now, therefore,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific
22 Island Legislatures at its 62nd Board Meeting, April 5-6, 2023, FSM State of Kosrae, that
23 the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby
24 expresses our sincere congratulations to the members of the PICS High School Robotics
25 Club for their success at the 2022 FIRST Global Challenge competition; and

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 PICS High School Robotics Club, and to the Chief Executives and
4 Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the
5 Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.



**NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT**



**TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY**

