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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 63-BOD-13

“Requesting the Government of Guam assist in providing easier and faster procedures for COFA travelers through Guam.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Island of Guam is considered a regional hub for transportation,
2 especially for air travel, and welcomes multitudes of passengers per year, going through the
3 International Airport; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of
5 Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau, being COFA States, have special immigration status
6 with the United States of America, and thus are considered almost domestic in nature; and

7 **WHEREAS**, streamlining the processing of COFA travelers during customs and
8 immigration screening on Guam is practical as well as efficient in such a busy international
9 port area; now, therefore,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
11 Legislatures, 63rd Board of Directors Meeting, February 25-March 02, 2024, Yap, Federated
12 States of Micronesia, that the Board hereby respectfully requests the Government of Guam
13 assist in providing easier and faster procedures for COFA travelers through Guam; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
15 Secretary shall attest, to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall thereafter be
16 transmitted to the Governor of Guam, the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero; to the head of

- 1 the Homeland Security based on the Island of Guam and to the Chief Executives and
- 2 Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the APIL.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024



**SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
ACTING PRESIDENT**



**TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY**

