



ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND LEGISLATURES PASSES SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS AT BOARD MEETING IN GUAM

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December 10, 2013, HAGÁTÑA - The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) passed several resolutions during their 54th Board of Directors' meeting at the Guam Legislature last week from December 4 through December 6.

"I urged my fellow regional legislators to bring the passion and energy we shared at the APIL meeting back to their island governments, and called on them to follow through with the resolutions we have passed," stated Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., who is the current APIL president. "I also encouraged them to continue efforts to establish a Regional Health Care Plan, to explore a Micronesian cruise liner industry, and to implement a regional free trade agreement."

The following resolutions were passed during last week's APIL Board of Directors' meeting:

1. Resolution No. 54-BD-03, CD1

"Requesting the Department of Defense of the United States Government and other officials within the U.S. Government to provide the ways and means to assign surplus and surveyed military equipment to the island governments of the Pacific and further requesting the Department of Defense to implement specially tailored procedures for disposing of surplus equipment by the U.S. Military Forces in order to expedite the transfer and to provide for the equitable distribution of the equipment among the governments of island nations and their political subdivisions."

2. Resolution No. 54-BOD-04

"Thanking the Government of Guam and its affiliates for their efforts in improving telecommunications technology throughout the Blue Continent."

3. Resolution No. 54-BOD-05, CD1

"Extending the deepest compassion and concern of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislature to the people of the Republic of Palau who have suffered so severely from the devastating effects of Super Typhoon Haiyan."

4. Resolution No. 54-BOD-06

“Expressing the deepest concern for the people of the State of Yap in this time of peril to their personal health due to the outbreak of the mosquito bourn-disease “Chikungunya fever”, and extending the hopes and prayers of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the swift and complete eradication of this serious ailment that is inflicting the State of Yap.”

5. Resolution No. 54-BOD-07

“Relative to promoting affordable alternative regional transportation between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by means of a Ferry Service or similar vessels.”

The 12 Pacific Island governments represented in APIL are: American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, FSM State of Chuuk, FSM State of Kosrae, FSM State of Pohnpei, FSM State of Yap, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, State of Hawaii, Territory of Guam, Republic of Nauru and Republic of Kiribati.



L to R-Front Row: Senator Chris Duenas, Vice Speaker Fernando Scaliem, Senator Rory Respicio, Hon. MatiotaKairo MP, Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker Joseph De Leon Guerrero, Floor Leader Marius Akapito, Senator Pete Reyes, Senator Jesse Raglmar-SUBOLMAR and Senator NelspnPelep.

L to R- Back Row: Hon. TetaboNakara MP, Delegate Yutaka Gibbons Jr. , Senator Glenn Wakai, Delegate Marino O. Ngemaes, Senator Jerrlyn U. Senior, Senator Chang William, Senator Kenneth Kedi, Senator Robert Skilling, Senator RoberTaulung, SenatorTulensaPalik, Senator Edgar Lickaneth, Vice Speaker Palikun Shrew and Senator Charles Chieng.