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American Samoa Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands FSM, State of Chuuk

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Republic of the Marshall Islands

Republic of Nauru Republic of Palau State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-07

"Seeking the support of APIL member states and entities to consider maximizing the availability of low cost and affordable airline services, such as Our Airline, to service the APIL Pacific region."

WHEREAS, the APIL member states and entities consist of islands and atolls separated by vast expanse of ocean, making it very difficult and costly for people, goods and services to move across the region and internationally; and

WHEREAS, currently, the United Airlines is the sole airline carrier regularly servicing much of the APIL region, and airfares are considerably high and unaffordable for citizens to freely travel; and

WHEREAS, in early November of 2012, the Republic of the Marshall Islands entered into agreement with the Republic of Nauru for Our Airline to service the route between Majuro and the Southern Pacific region, particularly Fiji, Tarawa, Nauru and Australia; and

WHEREAS, the Marshall Islands has invested \$500,000 in Our Airlines to support its services; and

WHEREAS, Our Airline is now servicing the north-south route from Majuro to Fiji and Tarawa on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia enacted Public Law No.18-62, through which the Federated States of Micronesia will be investing \$1,000,000 in "air service route (Our Airline)"; and

WHEREAS, to fully maximize the availability of low cost and affordable airline services in the region, it is desirable that APIL member states and entities consider connecting to the North-South route through Our Airlines, and to consider using the low cost and affordable airline service such as Our Airline for other service routes which are of

significance for the health and wellbeing of the people in the region, such as medical referral services to Manila; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, at its 33rd General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 15-17, 2014, that the APIL Assembly seeks the support of the APIL member states to maximize the availability of low cost and affordable airline services such as Our Airline to service the APIL Pacific region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to Chief Executive Officer of Our Airlines, to the Civil Aviation Officers of the APIL jurisdictions, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures.

SECRETARY

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 17th DAY OF JULY, 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D. PRESIDENT

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