



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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

APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-08

“Expressing deep concern as to the scheduling of United Airline flights and number of flights to, from and through the State of Yap and requesting United Airlines to revisit its scheduling of its flights to this region of the Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, as the citizens of a small island state situated in the vast ocean stretches
2 of the western Pacific Ocean, the people of Yap State, in the Federal States of Micronesia,
3 are highly dependent on the availability of airline services to support their island economy
4 and to provide for the transport of vital supplies and the transport of people to and from
5 destinations abroad; and

6 **WHEREAS**, United Airlines is currently the sole airline carrier servicing the State
7 of Yap; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the limited flight schedule into and out of the State of Yap that United
9 Airlines has been using in the last few years has been placing a depressing toll on the
10 economic activities in the State, inclusive of losses in tourism and the transport of cargo and
11 of inhibitions in the ability of government officials and the traveling public to reach their
12 overseas destinations in a timely and efficient manner; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the flight scheduling problems are especially acute for travelers to Yap
14 from Asia and Europe who are transiting through Manila, Philippines and who have been
15 encountering significant delays and even shutouts in their travel itineraries caused by
16 suspended and cancelled United Airline flights from this Asia/Pacific airline hub; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the United Airline flights that originate in Guam and pass through Yap
18 and Palau and on their way to the Philippines provide a much needed medical referral
19 service not only for the patients from Yap, but also patients from throughout the islands of
20 Micronesia in need of advanced medical care to be provided in the hospitals in Manila;
21 however, the return flight is routed directly to Guam from Manila making it very difficult
22 for referral patients from Yap and Palau to return to their home islands after treatment; and

1 **WHEREAS**, to protect the health of the Micronesian people it is essential that these
2 flights be scheduled in a logical, dependable, timely and consistent manner; now, therefore,

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the 33rd General Assembly of the Association of Pacific
4 Island Legislatures, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 15-17, 2014, that this Assembly
5 recognizes the need for restructuring the flight schedules of United Airline for planes flying
6 to and from the State of Yap and for planes continuing on from Yap to Palau and the
7 Philippines and urgently requests United Airlines to ensure that their flight schedules
8 adequately take into account the needs for frequent, reliable and affordable airline services
9 in this air particular corridor not only for the people of Yap, but also for the people of the
10 entire APIL Pacific; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
12 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall thereafter be
13 transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer of United Airlines Inc., to the Regional Director
14 for Airport Operations Asia Pacific for United Airlines, and to the Chief Executives and
15 Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific
16 Island Legislatures.

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



**JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.
PRESIDENT**



**CHANG WILLIAM
SECRETARY**

