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Republic of Kiribati
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Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 33-GA-13

“Expressing appreciation of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures to all the Presenters and special thanks for their informative and thorough presentations to the APIL members at its 33rd General Assembly.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the 33rd General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island
2 Legislatures was held in the beautiful island of Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands,
3 July 15-17, 2014 ; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the theme for the APIL 33rd General Assembly was “Regional
5 Transportation and Communication”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the “Nitijela” graciously provided the support and logistics necessary for
7 the conduct of the General Assembly and the requirements of those attending; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Marshall Ferrin, Regional Fund Manager - USAID’s Pacific
9 American Climate Fund, presented on the opportunities for grants funding from the Pacific
10 American Climate Fund to the APIL member entities and provided the necessary application
11 procedures; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. John Turnbull, Director - Pacific, O3B Networks, presented on the
13 background and progress of O3B with innovative internet services via new generation
14 medium earth orbit satellite technologies which can help to connect the communities of the
15 Blue Continent; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jules Maher, former Chief Executive Officer of Telecom Cook
2 Islands, presented on the experiences of Cook Islands adoption of O3B satellite services and
3 rendered his expert advice and guidance via live video conference; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Senator Stephen Conroy from the Australian Parliament, former
5 Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, provided his insights
6 and thoughts on the UN Broadband Commission and the Australia’s Broadband Network via
7 live video conference; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable David Bartlett, former Premier and Minister for
9 Employment in the Government of Tasmania presented on Economic and Social
10 Development from Broadband-Speed Internet via live video conference; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Professor Christopher Sampson, founder of Digital Society
12 Foundation and former Chief Information Officer in the Tasmanian Government, facilitated
13 and organized the participation of some of the above presenters via live video and updated
14 the General Assembly with progress on ‘Connect the Blue Continent’; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Phil Philippo, Secretary, Ministry of Transportation and
16 Communications presented on “RMI’s Transportation and Communication Challenges and
17 Future Outlook”; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Tommy Kijiner Jr., President & CEO of RMI National
19 Telecommunications Authority presented on the “RMI National Telecommunications
20 successes and challenges”; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Adam Baske, Tuna Specialist - PEW Charitable Trusts presented
22 on “Today’s Tuna Fisheries in the Pacific”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, all the above presenters provided the members attending the 33rd
2 General Assembly with an informative and thorough presentation on the programs available
3 and being developed which will assist the member Legislatures in further positioning
4 themselves and their governments to achieve the greatest benefits for their citizens; now,
5 therefore,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 33rd General
7 Assembly, Majuro, RMI, July 15-17, 2014, that the APIL hereby expresses its sincere
8 appreciation to all the Presenters for the fine and informative presentations given; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
10 Secretary shall attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to
11 the respective Presenters and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive
12 Officers of all member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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



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



**CHANG WILLIAM
SECRETARY**

