



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
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-14

“Calling upon all member entities of the APIL to work closely together to identify issues related to regional communication and to develop policies and legislation to address those issues as they arise.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the theme for the 33rd General Assembly of the Association of the Pacific
2 Island Legislatures (APIL) is “Regional Transportation and Communication”; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the APIL is one of the largest gatherings for today’s Pacific policy makers
4 providing an unique environment which enables legislators to build strong legislative networks;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, gratitude goes to the Marshall Islands, the host of the 33rd General
7 Assembly of the APIL for its hospitality and generosity; and

8 **WHEREAS**, communication has gained increasing importance in the last decades, not
9 only in the Pacific region but globally; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the internet is by far the most important medium of our days connecting the
11 Pacific Island states to the rest of the world; and

12 **WHEREAS**, many APIL member states have taken steps to establish better internet
13 services for their respective nations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the governments of all APIL member states should work together in order
15 to explore ways on how to improve the connectivity of our island nations; and

16 **WHEREAS**, efforts should go towards establishing marine fiber optic cable connections
17 in the Western Pacific as a long term solution in collaboration between the jurisdictions of Guam,
18 Palau and Yap; and

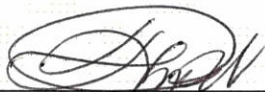
1 **WHEREAS**, the APIL member states call upon the World Bank to make available
2 necessary funding to allow the Pacific Island nations to move forward with the fiber optic project;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, there is still much to be done to increase the frequency and affordability of
5 communications, particularly the internet through policy, legislation and bilateral and multilateral
6 negotiations, including stakeholders in the private and public sectors, international organizations
7 and service providers; now, therefore,

8 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 33rd General
9 Assembly, July 15-17, 2014 in Majuro, Republic of Marshal Islands, that the governments of the
10 member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures are requested to work
11 closely together to identify issues related to regional communication and to develop policies and
12 legislation to address those issues as they arise; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
14 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter
15 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each APIL member
16 entity.

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



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



**CHANG WILLIAM
SECRETARY**

