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Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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To: **The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes**
Speaker, 35th Guam Legislature

From: **Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D.**

Re: **Travel Report to the 38th General Assembly, Association of Pacific Island Legislatures**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! In accordance to §18 of Part II, Chapter XIII, Public 34-116 and hereby submitted is my travel report attending the 38th General Assembly, Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Majuro, Republic of the Marshal Islands.

The following information is submitted as public record:

Destination Location: Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands

Dates Traveled: July 22nd through the 27th, 2019

Source of Funds: Legislature Operations Fund (Public Funds) – Office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano); Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs.

Purpose of Travel: 38th General Assembly, Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (Board Member), in accordance to §10.02(k)(1)(F)(i), Rule X of Part C, *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* Standing Rules.

Cost of Travel: $1,958.89 – Legislative Travel Authorization Number 1935TA006; and, Travel Settlement Ref. RCP41454

Please contact my office should you have any questions or concerns. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse*!

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38th APIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

July 22nd to July 27th, 2019

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., is one of two *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* policymakers mandated to serve on the APIL board. APIL is a regional body of 12 pacific island governments committed to work on regional issues.

Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D. is the chair on the Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, Hagåtña Revitalization, Self-Determination, and Regional Affairs. She was accompanied by Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes and Senator Régine Biscoe Lee to Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands attending the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures. The 38th General Assembly convened on July 23rd through the 26th.

Monday, July 22nd

- Arrived in Majuro at 8:40 pm.
- APIL attendees on that flight were greeted by the RMI APIL Directors, Presiding Officers, and others in attendance.
- Welcoming remarks were made by Speaker Kedi and Speaker Muña Barnes among others.

Tuesday, July 23rd

- Speaker Kedi, Speaker Muna Barnes, Sen. Regine Biscoe Lee, and Sen. Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., met to discuss ways to collaborate and address the tensions between Micronesian groups and the community of Guam.
- Attended the Opening Ceremony of the APIL 38th General Assembly.

Wednesday, July 24th

- Recognized the loss of APIL President Scaliem.
- Elected the Acting President Nelson Stephen as APIL President and Edgar W. Lickaneth as APIL Vice President.
- Was informed of the regional state of affairs through APIL member country reports, wherein APIL Directors and Presiding Officers shared issues, challenges, and successes within their jurisdictions and of coalitions and alliances working within the region, or available to do so.
- Four presentations were provided outlining programs and approaches to renewable energy programs, reverse osmosis water systems.

Thursday, July 25th

- Participated in the election of officers for APIL 2019-2020 term.
- The Guam Delegation presented 7 Resolutions:
- Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano) presented three resolutions:
  - To address the need for access to quality health care and medical facilities:
    - Relative to recommending that member states work together to build a comprehensive assessment of the various health care services and medical facilities available to our Island communities.
  - To address tensions between Micronesian groups and the community of Guam:
    - Relative to encouraging the empowerment of Freely Associated State citizens by providing them tools for successful integration into foreign communities by developing and maintaining local centers or offices in their jurisdictions that would collaborate with the Guam and Hawai'i Micronesian Resources Centers to provide clear understandings of the socio-cultural and political expectations and laws of the areas to which FAS citizens will migrate.
  - To safeguard our community and their resources:
    - Relative to protecting the health of our people, our coral reefs, and our tourism economies by encouraging member states to ban sunscreens containing chemicals that are considered 'non-reef safe' in their jurisdictions and promoting the use of reef-friendly sunscreens and other methods of UV Protection.
  - Senator Régine Biscoe Lee presented a resolution:
    - Relative to reaffirming its support and continuing to endorse the conservation goals of the Micronesia Challenge and calling on all members of to support these commitments to the greatest extent practicable.
  - Speaker Muña Barnes presented resolutions on the following:
    - Relative to expressing the support of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the passage of the United States Senate S.947, also known as the "The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2019."
    - Relative to recognizing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), commonly used as a firefighting foam, as a public health concern; to call for the immediate cessation of the use of PFAS as firefighting foam in our islands; and to encouraging the testing of sources of our potable water supplies for the presence of PFAS."
  - The Guam APIL Directors and Presiding Officer jointly wrote and introduced a resolution:

- To call for closing gender disparities and providing avenues for the advancement of women: Relative to recognizing and commending the 38th APIL for its most significant representation of women leaders and encouraging members to promote the advancement of women in all stages of life, including in leadership and public office in their jurisdictions.

- All resolutions were unanimously adopted.
- Each resolution offered by the Guam APIL was stated by other APIL members to be strong resolutions that would help the region.
- The Guam APIL members ere informed of efforts by the COFA Alliance National Network to ensure social justice and other considerations for COFA citizens within US states.
- Attended a farewell dinner at which each member jurisdiction was recognized and provided an opportunity to acknowledge and thank other member jurisdictions for their commitment to working collaboratively on regional issues.

Friday, July 26th

- Luncheon with the President of RMI, the Honorable Dr. Hilda Heine along with Sen. Regine Biscoe Lee, Senator Gardenia Aisek (Chuuk), Representative Shining Sos (Chuuk), Senator Scaliem (Pohnpei), and some of the RMI female cabinet members. The lunch was an excellent opportunity to network with other island leaders in the region, understand RMI and other jurisdiction issues, and share about Guam's current socio-political landscape.
- The entourage participated in networking and regional bonding activities via a fishing derby and barbeque.

Saturday, July 27th

- Departed RMI.