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Greetings Honorable Legislative Presiding Officers,

Enclosed is a complete set of resolutions, which were duly and regularly adopted by the members during APIL's 38th General Assembly, July 23-26, 2019, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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Thank you for your continued support of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

Regards,

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9. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-09**
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10. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-10**
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11. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-11**
"Expressing gratitude and appreciation to the 'Nitijela' of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the use of its facilities during the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures."

12. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-12**
"To respectfully encourage APIL member states to develop a vision for the future of global plastic governance and to consult with their respective business sectors and local communities in the development of new laws, policies and programs that will effectively ban the use of single use plastic bags and other disposable plastic items in the Blue Continent within five years."

13. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-13**
"To respectfully encourage APIL Members Jurisdictions to work together to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and decrease carbon dioxide emissions in order to preserve the pristine environment of the APIL's Blue Continent."

14. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-14**
"Whole heartedly applauding the efforts of the three Presidents of the Freely Associated States for their diligent efforts to obtain the U.S. Federal Government's enactment of the COFA Veterans Review Act of 2019, and urgently requesting the three FAS Presidents, along with the Governors of Guam and the CNMI, to continue their efforts to obtain the full compliment of benefits that the United States Government generally offers to Military veterans."

15. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-15**
"Expressing appreciation of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to all the Presenters and special thanks for their informative and thorough presentations to the APIL Members at its 38th General Assembly."

16. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-16**
"Encouraging all APIL Member Jurisdictions to join together in an effort to advocate through various meaningful and effective dialogs, well researched, factually founded and truly safe solutions to the continuing dangers facing the Marshallese people and the peoples of the downwind islands of the APIL Pacific, which dangers have been brought about by the dramatic under-estimation of the radiation levels caused by the testing of nuclear bombs conducted by the United States and the defective storage of nuclear wastes in the atolls and islands of the Republic of the Marshall Islands."

17. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-17**
"Honoring the life, mourning the passing, and expressing the grief of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures over the tragic calling to rest of our esteemed and revered President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem from the State of Pohnpei, to his wife, Senator Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem, his family and the people of Pohnpei."

18. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-18**
"Expressing sincere appreciation of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the Compact of Free Association Alliance National Network for the significant work they are doing to help advance the rights, privileges and opportunities of the citizens of the Freely Associated States residing in the USA, and expressing gratitude for the Network's continuing efforts to ensure equal and inclusive treatment of these citizens in the USA."

19. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-19**
"Extending heartfelt congratulations to Aren B. Palik on your election to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and wishing for you the very best as you begin your career as a law-maker of the highest legislative assembly in the Federated States of Micronesia."

20. **APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-20**
"Humbly requesting United Airlines to extend more frequent airline services to the FSM States of Kosrae and Yap, as well as all APIL member jurisdictions."

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-01

"Expressing support for the Hawaiian people."

WHEREAS, as the native peoples of the far reaching islands of the central Pacific from which has been formed the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, we are all deeply rooted in our indigenous languages, our historic customs, our ancient rituals, our enduring traditions, and our sacred sites of honor and reverence; and

WHEREAS, when any one of our native cultures or sacred grounds or waters are challenged, we all feel the hurt and the shame; and

WHEREAS, we, the legislative leaders of the APIL Pacific, we are mindful of the challenges faced by the native people of Hawaii with respect to the proposed construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on sacred land top Mauna Kea; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2019, the Hawaii State Senate Hawaiian Caucus issued a statement in which it proclaimed "we stand with the people engaged in peaceful demonstration on Mauna Kea and around Hawaii. The Thirty Meter Telescope controversy underscores critical issues in our community, and calls for the highest levels of care and mutual respect."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that this Association, for and on behalf of the natives peoples of the APIL Pacific, hereby joins in the sentiments expressed by the Hawaii State Senate Hawaiian Caucus and also trusts that this critically important issue for the Hawaiian peoples will receive the highest levels of care and mutual respect from all concerned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaii State Senate Hawaiian Caucus, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Hawaii State Legislature, and to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the member jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-02

"Calling upon the APIL Member Jurisdictions to engage in regional cooperation to combat climate change through the continued development of, and commitment to, renewable energy."

WHEREAS, the theme this year of the APIL General Assembly is *Renewable Energy: Alternative energy solutions for Micronesia and the Central Pacific*; and

WHEREAS, climate change presents formidable and universal challenges to all the peoples of the Pacific region, including: coral bleaching, rising sea levels, coastal flooding, and shoreline erosion; and

WHEREAS, the history, culture, and communities of all the peoples of the APIL Pacific are deeply rooted in respect for, and preservation of, the environment; and

WHEREAS, history has proven the power and effect of collaboration and mutual assistance in addressing the challenges posed by climate change; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption and renewable energy critical areas of development, with renewable energy sources providing reliable, resilient, safe, and clean sources of power, the use of which also slows down the adverse impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, recalling past APIL resolutions on climate change, it is the continuing sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that we should consolidate our efforts and aspirations as expressed in both present and past climate-change resolutions, and that we should take bold, positive actions to implement the ideals and objectives of these resolutions, both in our

own separate Member Jurisdictions and, through regional cooperation and collaboration, for all of the islands and waters of the APIL Pacific; and

WHEREAS, it is the further sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that furthering the joint commitment of the APIL Members to the development of renewable energy through the collaborative identification, design and implementation of specific island and regional plans and projects, is a necessary and critical step in advancing our shared commitment to combat climate change; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby calls upon the APIL Member Jurisdictions to engage in regional cooperation to combat climate change through the continued development of and commitment to renewable energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Member Jurisdiction is respectfully requested to include in its country report at the next APIL Board of Directors meeting, an analysis of the progress of that Member in its respective renewable energy program, which report should include that Member's endeavors to provide for the sharing with all Members of the APIL, that Member's challenges and accomplishments in freeing its power production systems from dependence on fossil fuels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38 GA-03

"To encourage APIL Member Jurisdictions to work together on creating a regional solution for recycling recyclable waste."

WHEREAS, combating the wide-ranging, damaging effects of climate change is one of the most pressing issues that APIL Member Jurisdictions are facing today, moreover, global warming is now reaching the stage where it is threatening the very existence of some of our islands; and

WHEREAS, developing and implementing robust recycling programs are critical in combating climate degradation and waste, with benefits including: reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills, conserving natural resources, increasing economic security, preventing pollution, saving energy, and creating jobs; and

WHEREAS, cognizant of the geographical challenges facing our region, APIL Member Jurisdictions benefit most when working in collaboration, providing mutual assistance and support to each other, and sharing knowledge, resources, and expertise in areas of environmental protection and conservation; and

WHEREAS, regional cooperation on developing a unified recycling solution among the APIL Member Jurisdictions ensures greater affordability of these recycling programs, as some, if not most, waste must currently be shipped off our islands to be properly recycled; and

WHEREAS, the harms of climate change are becoming ever greater with each passing

year, demonstrating the increasingly pressing need for the APIL Member Jurisdictions to take immediate and unified action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby encourages APIL Member Jurisdictions to work together on creating a regional recycling solution for recyclable waste; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Member Jurisdiction is respectfully requested to include in its country report at the next APIL Board of Directors meeting, an analysis of the progress of that Member in its respective recycling program, which report should include that Member's endeavors to provide for its inclusion in the collaborative effort in the establishment of the regional recycling solution for recyclable waste called for in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the perusal of their respective branches of government and to share with their environmental protection and conservation agencies and with their concerned NGO's and other environment and conservation concerned groups.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-04

"Relative to expressing the support of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for the passage of United States Senate S.947, also known as the "The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act amendments of 2019."

WHEREAS, the United States Government conducted nuclear testing on a number of sites in the Marshall Islands and other sites in the Pacific Ocean between 1946 and 1962; and

WHEREAS, radioactive fallout from the first thermonuclear hydrogen bomb, which was detonated on October 31, 1952, was released into the atmosphere for 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, on the descent back to earth, these radioactive particles were carried through jet streams to locations over a thousand miles away; and

WHEREAS, the location where these radioactive particles have been released includes Guam, as well as potentially other locations within the Blue Continent; and

WHEREAS, ships that were present in the Marshall Islands during the radioactive testing were then decontaminated on Guam, where runoff from the operation affected the marine life; and

WHEREAS, there is recorded evidence through the testimony of U.S. Navy Lieutenant Charles Schreiber who was a Radiological Safety Officer connected with the tests, that on November 3, 1952, he had observed the presence of measured radioactive exposure on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the local residents of Guam, as well as other Member-Jurisdictions of the Blue Continent that were potentially affected, were never informed of the risks associated with the tests conducted in our region; and

WHEREAS, On October 15th, 1990, former President George H. Bush signed into law H.R. 2372 (Public Law 101-426), relative to the "Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)"; and

WHEREAS, RECA covered those who were affected by nuclear fallout during atmospheric testing in Nevada, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, on March 28th, 2019, the eighth version of RECA was introduced by Senators Mike Crapo, Jim Risch, Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich, Mike Bennet and Cory Booker; and

WHEREAS, this eighth amendment to RECA would include coverage to downwinders living on Guam; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby unequivocally supports the proposed amendments to RECA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall thereafter be transmitted to the President of the Senate of the U.S. Congress, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress, to the sponsors of "the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act amendments of 2019", and to the Chief Executive and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-05

"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 encourages the testing of sources of our potable water supplies for the presence of PFAS."

WHEREAS, Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of synthetic chemicals that include PFOA, PFOS and other substances manufactured and used in a variety of industries; and

WHEREAS, in the military and in airports across the United States, PFAS was commonly used in firefighting foams, referred to as Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF). The foam was often used for as practice at fire/crash training areas; and

WHEREAS, PFAS are referred to as "forever chemicals" because the chemical takes thousands of years to degrade in the environment. The chemicals also persist in the human body and are eliminated slowly, with a half life of 2 to 9 years; and

WHEREAS, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) are the two most studied PFAS. Exposure to PFOS and PFOA is widespread and global. PFOS and PFOA also persist in the human body and are eliminated slowly. PFOS and PFOA pose adverse effects for human health if ingested and are known to bioaccumulate; and

WHEREAS, humans can be exposed to the chemicals through food, drinking water, and biodegration of consumer products. Many municipalities in the United States have issued warnings over exposure to PFAS through consumption of contaminated food sources like fish and deer; and

WHEREAS, exposure may lead to developmental and reproductive effects to fetuses during pregnancy or breastfed infants, liver effects like tissue damage, immune effects such as depressed antibody production in response to vaccination, cardiovascular effects and changes in cholesterol, thyroid effects, and are considered suggestive for cancer risk including testicular and kidney cancer in humans; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set a Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) level for two PFAS in drinking water, PFOS and PFOA. The LHA level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt, equal to 70 ng/L) for PFOS and PFOA combined, or individually if only one is present. The EPA has not set health advisory levels for other PFAS compounds; and

WHEREAS, the islands of the APIL Pacific are especially vulnerable to PFAS contamination because of the limited availability of water sources and agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, because the Federal Aviation Administration conducts airport firefighting training programs throughout the U.S. Pacific Islands and the Freely Associated States and is deeply involved in the equipment and substances to be used by our airport safety personnel in the event of an actual airplane disaster, the Member Jurisdictions of the APIL Members should be especially concerned that PFOS and PFOA will not be a component of these trainings and fire extinguishment incidences; and

WHEREAS, the presence of these chemicals in the environment of the APIL jurisdictions has now been found on the Island of Guam where three water wells were shut down by the Guam Waterworks Authority in August 2016 because the detectable amount of PFOS in those wells exceeded the updated health advisory from the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, because the health of our people and environment are bearing the burdens of decisions not made by island leaders, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that without direct intervention on our part, our island communities will continue to be stigmatized by the potential dangers that these hazardous chemicals represent; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby recognizes perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), commonly used as a firefighting foam, as a public health concern; and calls for the immediate

cessation of the use of PFAS as firefighting foam, especially at our international airports, and further encourages the APIL Member Jurisdictions to undertake the testing of the sources of their potable water supplies for the presence of PFAS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall thereafter be transmitted to the Chief Executive and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-06

"Relative to reaffirming its support and continuing to endorse the conservation goals of the Micronesia Challenge and calling on all Members to support these commitments to the greatest extent practical."

WHEREAS, the people of Micronesia are stewards for 2,150 islands and 6.7 million square kilometers of ocean; and

WHEREAS, Micronesia itself is home to 66 threatened species and at least 64 Key Biodiversity Areas; and

WHEREAS, Micronesia contains 10% of the earth's total reef area, with more than 480 coral species (58% of total recorded corals), and over 1,300 species of fish; and

WHEREAS, the region is home to over 1,400 plant species, 200 of which are endemic and 85 species of birds, nearly half of which are endemic; and

WHEREAS, threats to the phenomenally rich biodiversity of the region include a growing population, rapid economic development, over-harvesting of fish and wildlife, inadequate waste disposal, widespread land conversion, invasive species, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, these resources must be shared and sustained to support the livelihoods of over 650,000 people; and

WHEREAS, the "Micronesia Challenge" was launched by the leaders of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Island of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands at the Eighth Conference of the Convention on Biological Diversity in March 2006, recognizing both the serious threats degrading the marine and terrestrial environments upon which the future economic, cultural and political health of these islands depend, and the tremendous opportunities to work together to address the environmental and sustainable development issues confronting this region; and

WHEREAS, the commitment of the Micronesian region to conservation includes the sustainability of the region's unique biodiversity, ensuring a healthy future for the people of Micronesia and the protection of our unique island cultures; and

WHEREAS, this lasting covenant requires that we safeguard our pristine island environments and defend the ability of every person willing to work for it to earn a living from the ocean or on our lands; and

WHEREAS, by 2020, the leaders of the Micronesia Challenge will have made the visionary commitment to effectively conserve 30 percent of near-shore marine resources and 20 percent of terrestrial resources; and

WHEREAS, after these goals have been realized, the Micronesia Challenge will continue to fight to protect the phenomenally rich biodiversity found in Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23 -26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby reaffirms its support and continually endorses the commitments of the "Micronesia Challenge" and calls on all Member Jurisdictions to further the goals of these commitments to the greatest extent practical; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 the President of the Micronesian Challenge and to the Chief Executive and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-07

"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."

WHEREAS, each cultural group within Freely Associated States (FAS) have deep and rich cultures, traditions, and lifeways; and

WHEREAS, there are many reasons that citizens around the world, including those within our region, migrate to foreign lands or other areas; and

WHEREAS, migration, especially to foreign lands, can be difficult given that, within foreign communities, there can be large differences in socio-cultural and political expectations and substantial divergences in the laws which can lead to detrimental consequences for the emigrant as well as within the larger host community; and

WHEREAS, all peoples deserve to lead lives of dignity, yet, unfortunately, difficulty in assimilation, discrimination, and marginalization can occur when one migrates to another land; and

WHEREAS, recently, there has been a call by some in places like Guam and Hawai'i to assist citizens emigrating from Freely Associated States by empowering them with tools to successfully integrate in foreign communities by providing clear understandings of the socio-cultural and political expectations and laws of the areas to which FAS citizens will migrate; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has established a Migrant Resources Centre to create awareness about "the dangers of human trafficking, and facilitate referrals to service providers in Guam and Hawaii on legal, medical, and social welfare

matters." Further, it has also been "envisioned to facilitate integration for Micronesians who wish to reside in the United States" among other goals; and

WHEREAS, Guam and Hawai'i have established Micronesian Resource Centers within their jurisdictions; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the General Assembly, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby encourages 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-08

"Relative to recommending that the APIL Member Jurisdictions work together to build a comprehensive assessment of the various health care services and medical facilities available to our Island communities."

WHEREAS, the APIL recognizes that its Member Jurisdictions share similar challenges in providing accessible and affordable health care for their people, including an adequate number of health care professionals, such as specialists, and critical equipment; and

WHEREAS, such challenges have required Member Jurisdictions to frequently utilize the medical referral process to direct their people to advanced medical facilities, which oftentimes require travel far outside of our region. This process often leaves patients without their familial and other support systems during the most trying periods of their treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the APIL further recognizes that collaborative and sustained efforts among its Member Jurisdictions are imperative to ensuring that every person in our region is provided with access to affordable and quality health care and adequate medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, such collaborative efforts are also critical for building and enhancing the professional capacities of local health care providers, which may help to reduce health inequities at the local, national, and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive assessment should include direct and indirect cost estimates; types of treatments and services available; types of facilities, which may include: individual rooms or family suites; ease of access to utilize such facilities, quality of care, language and communication capacities, and any other pertinent information. Such assessments shall examine the same for other non-member regional jurisdictions such as Japan, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive assessment shall also examine the climate of healthcare in non-member regional jurisdictions to which people of Member Jurisdictions frequently travel for medical care, which include, but are not limited to, Japan, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby recommends that our Member Jurisdictions, either individually or in partnership with other Member Jurisdictions, perform a comprehensive assessment of the various health care services available for patients that reside within the APIL Pacific who are seeking medical care, and share their findings with other Member Jurisdictions of APIL; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executive and the Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-09

"Relative to safeguarding the health of our people, our coral reefs, and our tourism economies by encouraging Member Jurisdictions 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."

WHEREAS, many of our people and visitors regularly use sunscreen to protect themselves against harmful ultraviolet rays from the sun in activities such as going to the beach, hiking, gardening, and other everyday activities; and

WHEREAS, active ingredients in sunscreens have one of two functions: mineral or chemical ultraviolet filters. These filters use different mechanisms for protecting the skin, and the most common sunscreens contain chemical filters that typically include a combination of two to six of the following active ingredients: oxybenzone, avobenzone, octisalate, octocrylene, homosalate, and octinoxate; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 84 FR 6204 (February 26, 2019), "available literature includes studies indicating that oxybenzone is absorbed through the skin and can lead to significant systemic exposure, as well as data showing the presence of oxybenzone in human breast milk, amniotic fluid, urine, and blood plasma"; and

WHEREAS, according to the FDA in 84 FR 6204 (February 26, 2019), "the significant systemic availability of oxybenzone…is a concern, among other reasons, because of questions raised in the published literature regarding the potential for endocrine activity with systemic oxybenzone exposure" and "available literature also raises questions about the safety of use of oxybenzone-containing sunscreens in young children because of the potential for higher absorption and bioaccumulation of oxybenzone in this population"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to concerns of causing human harm, oxybenzone has been found in laboratories to promote coral bleaching (Danovaro et al., 2008; Downs et al., 2015) and viral infections (Danovaro et al., 2008). Further, in laboratories, oxybenzone was also found to promote coral DNA damage, larval deformities, and decreased reproductive success, and coral exposed to oxybenzone at higher temperatures exhibited faster rates of bleaching (Downs et al., 2015); and

WHEREAS, although there are questions about whether banning non-reef safe chemicals in sunscreens is necessary or, conversely, if it will do enough to save our reefs, if we as government leaders do not act with caution while concerns are being raised about the safety of particular chemicals within sunscreens, and our reefs are damaged, the impacts to our communities will be many and of substantial scale. Our marine resources that have sustained our people for centuries if not millennia, have the potential to be negatively affected. These negative effects would likely deeply challenge our levels of food security and create further dependence by our people on costly imported foodstuffs when our island household economies are already severely constrained. These conditions would also challenge traditional diets and customary exchanges and other observances related to marine resources. Further, damage to our reefs and the cascading negative impacts to the ecological integrity of our reef systems, has the potential to adversely impact their ability to protect our islands from storm surges as well as negatively impact our tourism economies, as tourists often visit our islands specifically to observe our rich marine life; and

WHEREAS, at least five jurisdictions have already banned unsafe sunscreens, including Palau, Hawai'i, U.S. Virgin Islands, Bonaire, and Key West, Florida. These jurisdictions have led the way in being the first places in the world to ban such sunscreens considered non-reef safe; and

WHEREAS, if we do not ban sunscreens containing chemicals deemed to be non-reef safe, our island communities will become the dumping grounds of the non-reef safe sunscreens that proactive and protective communities have banned, further compounding the potential toxins within our island communities and ecosystems and their adverse impacts for years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that it hereby urges its Member Jurisdictions to encourage the use of reef-friendly sunscreens and other methods of UV protection such as using protective clothing for sun protection to reduce the need for sunscreen–rash guards, hats, long sleeve shirts, and leggings–and ban the use of sunscreens containing 'non-reef safe' chemicals within their jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-10

"Relative to recognizing and commending the 38th APIL for its largest representation of women leaders and encouraging Members Jurisdictions to promote the advancement of women in all stages of life, including in leadership and public office in their jurisdictions."

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) was established in 1981 as a permanent association of mutual assistance by representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, APIL has enjoyed nearly four (4) decades of success in regional cooperation, coordination, exchange, and assistance and has created monumental differences in the lives and conditions of the peoples and governments within their jurisdictions and the region; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2018, the people of Guam elected their first women-led majority into the Guam legislature, which is also the first supermajority of women legislators across the United States and its territories. The Honorable Speaker Tina Rose Muna Barnes, and the Honorable Senators Régine Biscoe Lee and Kelly Marsh (Taitano) were selected to represent the people of Guam at APIL; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2017 and March 5, 2019, the people of Chuuk elected the first two women in history to lead in State Government, the Honorable Senator Gardenia Aisek and the Honorable Representative Shining Sos, and in July of this year, the Pohnpei State Legislature also recognized Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem as Senator which brought the total of women in leadership within APIL to its highest levels, that being six (6) women directors; and

WHEREAS, each Member Jurisdiction of APIL shall continue to support efforts that provide avenues for the advancement of women in leadership, public office, education, business and other important societal institutions; and

WHEREAS, such efforts will help to promote gender equality in the region and empower all women and girls who represent half of the world's population; and therefore, also half of its potential; and

WHEREAS, inequalities faced by women across the globe begin right at birth and follow them all their lives. As girls move into adolescence, gender disparities typically widen; and

WHEREAS, gender disparities affect girls' education, and disadvantages in education translate into lack of access to skills and limited opportunities in the labor market. Therefore, each Member Jurisdiction must ensure inclusive and quality education and equal opportunities for women and girls, which will help to reduce inequalities and to reach gender equality; and

WHEREAS, to achieve a truly inclusive society, it is important that governments, civil society and communities work together to implement lasting solutions to ensure inclusive political participation at all times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019 that it hereby encourages that all Member Jurisdictions continue their efforts to support the advancement of women in all stages of life, including in leadership and public office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-11

"Expressing gratitude and appreciation to the 'Nitijela' of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the use of its facilities during the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures."

WHEREAS, the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures was held on the beautiful Island of Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands from July 23-26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the "Nitijela" National Congress of the Republic of the Marshall Islands graciously provided the support and logistics necessary for the conduct of the Conference and the requirements of those attending; and

WHEREAS, the "Nitijela" is represented in the APIL by the Honorable Sherwood Tibon and by Speaker Kenneth A. Kedi, who served as the President of APIL for terms 2014-2016 and is a current adviser to APIL; and

WHEREAS, the "Nitijela's" capable staff members were very involved with the organizing of the Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker and the staff members of the "Nitijela" extended the hospitality and services to the Members in attendance at the APIL General Assembly Conference; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, hereby expresses its appreciation to the "Nitijela" of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the use of its facilities during the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-12

"To respectfully encourage APIL member states to develop a vision for the future of global plastic governance and to consult with their respective business sectors and local communities in the development of new laws, policies and programs that will effectively ban the use of single use plastic bags and other disposable plastic items in the Blue Continent within five years."

WHEREAS, over eight million tons of plastic debris enter the world's oceans each year; thereby requiring that the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures which make up our region of the Pacific, often referred to as the Blue Continent, to come together to develop a vision for the future of global plastic governance and local plastic refuse regulation; and

WHEREAS, in March 2019, after five days of talks at the U.N. Environment Assembly in Nairobi, a United Nations Resolution was passed condemning throwaway items like plastic bags and compelling one hundred and seventy countries to pledge to "significantly reduce" the use of plastics by 2030; and

WHEREAS, in support of the recent resolve of the United Nations and following the lead of the 4,700 delegates who participated in the U.N. environmental assembly, including environment ministers, scientists and business figures, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that the Member Jurisdictions of the APIL should also encourage the United States and foreign countries to identify effective policies and controls relative to ocean-polluting practices which would, if put in place, strengthen their efforts to decrease the pollution of our oceans, including the seas of the Blue Continent,; and

WHEREAS, in light of the fact that the vast majority of countries came together to develop a vision for the future of global plastic governance as expressed in the U.N. Resolution, so too can the members of the Blue Continent; and

WHEREAS, because the U.N. Assembly is the world's top international environment body, and this pledge set the tone for the U.N.'s Climate Action Summit in September of 2018, the APIL Member Jurisdictions may wish to consider the U.N.'s recommendations as to the best format and forum for our respective Environmental Secretaries, Directors and Ministers to meet together and organize themselves as an inclusive regional high-level dialogue platform on ocean pollution caused by single use plastic bags and other plastic pollutants; and

WHEREAS, in contemplating our best approach in dealing with global ocean pollution, we can all happily recall and cheerfully applaud the central role that our Micronesian leaders, concerned with combating climate change played in the formation and ratification of the Paris Accord and many other very important climate change conventions and protocols; and

WHEREAS, the visionary public addresses and appeals of the late Honorable Tony Debrum and the heart felt recitations of the prophetic poetry at the U.N. Conference on Climate Change by climate activist Kathy Jetnil Kijiner, both of whom hail from the Marshall Islands where this General Assembly has convened, brought world-wide attention to the plight of the low lying Micronesian Islands and made climate change references to Micronesia synonymous with a world-wide recognition of the perils of the rising seas of global warming; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that because of our heritage as Pacific Island peoples who are and have always been at one with the thousands of miles of ocean that surround us, we can again become the beacon of light for the elimination

of ocean pollution around the world in similar manners that our island visionaries have come to the center of the world stage on combating climate change; and

WHEREAS, while we are joining the fight to combat global ocean pollution that is primarily caused by the lack of effective public policy and the careless indifference of the biggest and most advanced nations of the world, we must also recognize that to obtain international respect for our efforts to combat global ocean pollution, we as islanders must recognize that we too are currently contributors to the problem; and

WHEREAS, while our ocean front beaches and shorelines are, in deed, being suffocated by the refuse of others, our lagoons and internal waters are likewise being inundated with plastic debris, but that debris is not a result of the ocean polluting practices of others. It is a result of our own careless attitudes toward the devastating harms of marine and fresh water pollution; and

WHEREAS, in our vast mangrove forests hang the remnants of discarded pampers, diapers, plastic bags and toiletries, and on the sides of our inland streams are the washed up remnants of decaying bleach bottles, plastic food wrappers and empty water containers; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that while we seek to address the world-wide challenges of ocean pollution, we should be simultaneously be cleaning up our own back yards; and

WHEREAS, while it may not be possible to create one solution for all APIL Member Jurisdictions in addressing our own unwise and uncaring polluting practices, the danger facing our Blue Continent and our marine environment is at a turning point such that the members of the APIL no longer need to just draft and send out verbose condemnation documents, but rather we must actually and publicly embrace concrete commitments to ban the use of plastic bags and

other disposable plastic items within our jurisdictions significantly sooner than the 2030 deadline; but

WHEREAS, in our efforts to reach such lofty goals, we must be realistic in our approach to banning the use of plastic bags and other disposable plastic items that stem from the behaviors and lifestyles of our people. Bad habits are hard to break, and if the enactment of laws banning the use of disposable plastics is not followed up by positive programs of implementation, the legislation we enact will only be seen by our citizens as another unwanted legislative intrusion into their lives; so

WHEREAS, let us, in passing the plastic ban laws, simultaneously bring about a visionary image into the minds of business owners and consumers alike that it is really cool to come into the store with a strong and fashionable tote bag capable of holding just about anything we can gather up, rather than carrying our purchases out in flimsy, little white and yellow plastic bags that have a tendency to split open unexpectedly when stuffed with heavy or sharp items resulting in our newly purchased items crashing to the ground and breaking up into a hundred useless fragments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are urgently requested to work collaboratively to develop a vision for the future of global plastic governance as expressed in the UN Resolution and are further urgently requested to consult with our respective business sectors and local communities over the development of new laws, policies and programs that effectively ban the use of single use plastic bags and other disposable plastic items within five years following the

adoption of this resolution in an effort to mitigate the damaging effects of plastic pollution in our own marine and aquatic environments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those of us who are proving to be in the forefront of our mutual efforts to overcome the dangers and harms of marine and fresh water pollution in our own nations, states, territories and commonwealth are urged to share your secrets of your successes with those of us in less fortunate island jurisdictions so that we may all move forward as one in our shared goals to prevent marine and fresh water pollution, both globally and locally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures for the perusal of their respective branches of government and to share with concerned NGO's and other environmental awareness groups.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-13

"To respectfully encourage APIL Members Jurisdictions to work together to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and decrease carbon dioxide emissions in order to preserve the pristine environment of the APIL's Blue Continent."

WHEREAS, the theme for the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is "Renewable Energy: Alternative Energy Solutions for Micronesia and the Central Pacific"; and

WHEREAS, this theme provides the APIL Member Jurisdictions with a unique opportunity to discuss universal goals on energy, with targets on energy access, energy efficiency, renewable energy and related means of implementation; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the APIL Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 45-BOD-09, CD1 which envisioned the creation from within the APIL of a commission with one representative from each APIL Member Jurisdiction, to be called the "Pacific Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources Commission" to identify, address, and protect the natural energy resources of each Member Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, while the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has passed this particular resolution and numerous other resolutions concerning the conversion of our fossil fuel based power production to alternate energy sources, the nature and scope of alternative energy dialogues within the APIL Pacific still remain highly fragmented, and there is no truly Pacific-wide discourse or platform that brings together all APIL Member Jurisdictions and other stakeholders in an inclusive manner; and

WHEREAS; moving forward, the APIL Member Jurisdictions may wish to again consider the best format and forum for their respective Energy Secretaries, Directors and Ministers to meet, as an inclusive regional high-level dialogue platform on energy to track progress and shape the regional discourse; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the delegates to the 38th APIL General Assembly that the Member Jurisdictions of the APIL should seek technical assistance from the United States and other developed countries who are utilizing renewable energy and are researching new and exciting developments in alternate energy technologies with a request for them to help us determine if such new technologies are suitable to provide power for our island communities and networks; and

WHEREAS, as tropical islanders, we must also utilize our own talents and expertise to consider ways of more efficiently harnessing the proven technologies of solar panels and wind turbines, but also to consider the many other less proven technologies for application in the tropical Pacific, such as run-of-stream hydro, tidal flows, ocean currents, ocean thermals, ocean swells, and uniquely characterized Micronesia based renewable resources such as the substitution of fossil fuels with coconut oil diesel and the cultivation of high energy marine based organisms in naturally warmed salt water ponds, such as algae; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Members of the APIL that we should also be considering the possibilities of instituting hybrid-based alternate energy systems that combine conventional alternate energy equipment with other much needed atoll mechanisms, such as the hybrid solar arrays combined with salt water to fresh water extraction systems that have just recently been announced as potentially more efficient solar energy production and potable water extraction technologies; and

WHEREAS, in considering novel alternative energy and hybrid systems, it is the sense of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that we should always be cautious and that we should direct our limited financial resources to projects that are well researched and found to be feasible at our scales of remote energy production and distribution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby embraces an initiative that puts into place a framework for implementation of alternative energy solutions for Micronesia and the Central Pacific that will strengthen dialogues, scale-up partnerships and joint action plans, catalyze investments, and build capacity for the implementation and monitoring of alternate energy systems that are now being emplaced and will certainly be constructed in the near future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures for the perusal of our respective government branches and for sharing with the CEO's of our utility services agencies and authorities.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-14

"Whole heartedly applauding the efforts of the three Presidents of the Freely Associated States for their diligent efforts to obtain the U.S. Federal Government's enactment of the COFA Veterans Review Act of 2019, and urgently requesting the three FAS Presidents, along with the Governors of Guam and the CNMI, to continue their efforts to obtain the full compliment of benefits that the United States Government generally offers to Military veterans."

WHEREAS, the welfare and availability of benefits for veterans of the U.S. Military has long been on the minds of the Members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, past resolutions adopted by this Association have called upon the Government of the United States of America to extend the full complement of veteran benefits to the U.S. Military veterans who are citizens of the Freely Associated States and who have chosen to return to their home islands; and

WHEREAS, the assembled delegates of Association of Pacific Island Legislatures at this General Assembly of the APIL are now pleased to hear of encouraging developments in line with our past requests and the efforts of many other groups to obtain benefits to which our citizen veterans are entitled and for which they are so deserving; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2019, Her Excellency Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and His Excellency Tommy Remenegsau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, all participated in a solemn, wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, in attendance at the ceremony were several notable dignitaries of the United States Government, including the Honorable Robert Wilkie, Secretary of the

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as high ranking officers of U.S. Military; and

WHEREAS, during this visit to America's capital, all three of the FAS Presidents had the opportunity to meet together with His Excellency Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in a joint statement issued by all four Presidents it is recorded that: *"We remember the sacrifices of our sons and daughters to guarantee a more secure world where freedom can thrive. Today, many citizens of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia serve in the United States military. Their service is a proud reminder of our countries' enduring commitment to our shared security in a dynamic and critical region."*; and

WHEREAS, as the three FAS Presidents were preparing for their trip to Washington D.C., visiting the Arlington National Cemetery and calling upon the White House, two bills were being introduced into the U.S. Congress; Senate Bill No. 1222 and House Resolution No. 2916, both of which are entitled the "Compact of Free Association (or COFA) Veterans Review Act of 2019" and both of which have similar provisions; and

WHEREAS, both bills call upon the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide hospital care and medical services to the veterans of the Freely Associated States and to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of establishing regional offices, suboffices, contact units, or other subordinate offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Freely Associated States to provide such care and services; and

WHEREAS, in the month of May, 2019, President Donald J. Trump signed important bi-partisan legislation into law substantially increasing veterans' access to private medical facilities when those veterans reside a substantial commute time or distance from formal veterans hospitals; and

WHEREAS, near the end of the visit of the three FAS Presidents to America's capital, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of

Micronesia, and His Excellency Tommy Remenegsau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, both had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, during which visits, the Presidents had the opportunity to have Secretary Robert Wilkies focus on the needs of FAS veterans and they also had the opportunity to emphasize the need for the U.S. Congress and the U.S. President to pass and approve the ground-breaking COFA Veterans Review Act of 2019; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, July 23-26, 2019, Republic of the Marshall Islands, that this Association of policy and law makers whole heartedly applauds the efforts of Her Excellency Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and His Excellency Tommy Remenegsau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, for their diligent efforts to obtain the benefits for the veterans residing in their countries that the United States Government offers to Military veterans generally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three Presidents of the Freely Associated States are urgently requested to continue their efforts to obtain the enactment of the COFA Veterans Review Act of 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three Presidents of the Freely Associated States are also requested to work in concert with the Governors of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands so that the needs of the Military veterans across the entire Micronesian Pacific will be addressed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three Presidents of the Freely Associated States and the two Governors of the U.S. Micronesian Islands are respectfully requested to increase the scope of their efforts to ensure that our veterans will have full access to all the beneficial programs that are being offered to the veterans residing on the U.S. Mainland, including education programs, counseling, housing and home loan guaranties, job training, small business loans and assistance, and military funerals, burials and memorials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 Her Excellency Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, to His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, to His Excellency Tommy Remenegsau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, to the Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor of the Island of Guam, to the Honorable Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Honorable Robert Wilkies, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; to sponsor of the U.S. Senate COFA Review Act of 2019, bill number S. 1222, Senator Brian Schatz of Hawaii, to the co-sponsors of the U.S. House of Representatives COFA Review Act of 2019, bill number H.R. 2916, Representatives: Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, Amata Coleman Radewage of American Samoa, Ed Case of Hawaii, Michael San Nicolas of Guam and Dan Young of Alaska, and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and to the additional Chief Executives of the APIL Member Jurisdictions.

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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 38-GA-15

"Expressing appreciation of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to all the Presenters and special thanks for their informative and thorough presentations to the APIL Members at its 38th General Assembly."

WHEREAS, the 38th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) was held on the beautiful Island of Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the APIL 38th General Assembly is: "*RENEWABLE ENERGY: Alternative Energy Solutions for Micronesia and the Pacific*"; and

WHEREAS, the "Nitijela" graciously provided the support and logistics necessary for the conduct of the General Assembly and the requirements of those attending; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ted Waitt, Founder of Waitt Foundation presented on his programs under the *"Blue Prosperity Coalition"*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Angeline C. Heine, Director - RMI National Energy Office, spoke on Renewable Energy Programs and Projects in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.", and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Vance, Founder and President of Moana Marine, presented on powering RO water systems in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and advancements in battery storage technologies for renewable and alternative energy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Angelo Villagomez, Senior Officer, Blue Nature Alliance, spoke on a new environmental program called Blue Nature Alliance that will be launched in a few months and seeking APIL's partnership and support; and

WHEREAS, Mr. David Anitok and Mr. Loyd Henion presented on"COFA Alliance National Network (CANN) and how the organization promotes and enacts social and economic justice for nonimmigrants legally admitted in the United States under the Compacts of Free Association and ;

WHEREAS, Mr. Riyad M. Mucadam, Ph.D. spoke on the importance and the science behind coral to sand and the technology in relation to alternative energy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, July 23-26, 2019, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, that the APIL hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to all the Presenters for the fine and informative presentations given; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 the respective Presenters and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2019.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-16

"Encouraging all APIL Member Jurisdictions to join together in an effort to advocate through various meaningful and effective dialogs, well researched, factually founded and truly safe solutions to the continuing dangers facing the Marshallese people and the peoples of the downwind islands of the APIL Pacific, which dangers have been brought about by the dramatic under-estimation of the radiation levels caused by the testing of nuclear bombs conducted by the United States and the defective storage of nuclear wastes in the atolls and islands of the Republic of the Marshall Islands."

WHEREAS, sixty-seven nuclear tests were conducted on two atolls in the Northern Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958, involving Enewetak and Bikini Atolls; and

WHEREAS, the first-ever hydrogen bomb test, with the code name "Ivy Mike", was tested on Enewetak in 1951; and

WHEREAS, in 1954 the U.S. conducted its largest hydrogen bomb test on Bikini Atoll - labeled "Castle Bravo" which was more than 1,000 times more powerful than "Little Boy", the uranium weapon that decimated Hiroshima; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, a team of researchers from Columbia University in New York published a study in the journal "Proceedings of the National Academy of Services" (PNAS) on the background gamma radiation in three of the northern Marshall atolls: Enewetak (Enjebi Island), Bikini and Rongelap (Naen Island); and

WHEREAS, the Columbia University study found that the actual background gamma radiation levels on Bikini were significantly higher than previously reported; and

WHEREAS, the islands of Runit and Enjebi in Enewetak Atoll, as well as on Bikini Atoll and the Naen Island, Rongelap Atoll had high concentrations of certain radioactive isotopes in the soil, and in comparison with more recent nuclear catastrophes, these four islands had radioactive plutonium levels that were higher even than those found in Fukushiman and Chernobyl; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, Naen Island of Rongelap Atoll contained higher radioactive isotopes in the soil resulting to higher contamination than the Enewetak Atoll and Bikinki and was used as a nuclear dumping ground; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1970s, in an effort to clean up the radioactive debris left by the nuclear tests and explosions, the United States Government dug up 111,000 cubic yards of contaminated soils from the Bikini and Rongelap atolls and deposited those contaminated soils on Runit Island where their dumping place would be in a 350-foot wide crater that had been created two decades earlier by an 18-kiloton nuclear test code-named "Cactus", later to be labeled the "Runit Dome"; and

WHEREAS, today, there are growing concerns that the temporary containment of the nuclear waste resulting from those tests in the poorly designed and constructed Runit Dome is leaking into the Pacific Ocean and could be cracked wide open by the next storm that rolls through the Marshall Islands; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of the Pacific Islands Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that this Association hereby encourages all APIL Member Jurisdictions to join together in an effort to advocate through various meaningful and effective dialogs, a well researched, factually founded and truly safe solution to the continuing dangers facing the Marshallese people and the peoples of the downwind islands of the APIL Pacific that have been brought about by, or are the result of, serious underestimates of radiation exposure surrounding the numerous American tests of ever larger nuclear bomb explosions over the lands and waters of the Marshall Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Association hereby encourages all APIL Member Jurisdictions to also join together in an effort to advocate through various meaningful and effective dialogs with the United States Government, a well researched, factually founded and truly safe solution to the real and present dangers facing the Marshallese people and the peoples of the downwind islands of the APIL Pacific that are probably being brought to the surface and leaking down into the sea of saturated subsoils of Runit Island brought about by the presence of the poorly engineered and constructed, likely cracking, nuclear hazardous Runit Dome; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 and the Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures for the perusal of our respective government branches and sharing with the CEO's of entities respectively charged with the subject matter.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38- GA-17

"Honoring the life, mourning the passing, and expressing the grief of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures over the tragic calling to rest of our esteemed and revered President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem from the State of Pohnpei, to his wife, Senator Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem, his family and the people of Pohnpei."

WHEREAS, a tragic revelation of our Heavenly Father came into light on May 30th 2019, saddening the hearts of the Members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revelation called out the breath of life of one of the shining stars of the APIL and a colleague of all of us, the late President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem, who suddenly passed away from among our midst at the age 58; and

WHEREAS, the passing of our former APIL President also took the life and the service of this revered statesman from the Speakership of the Pohnpei Legislature, but, fortunately, his presence in the Legislative Chamber has now been replaced by that of his loving wife, the Honorable Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem, who is rising up to embrace the challenges of continuing the legacy of her late husband; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem received his formal education in Pohnpei, graduating from Our Lady of Mercy School in 1974; then he received his diploma of completion from the Pohnpei Island Central School in 1978; and afterwards received his Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies from Hartnell College in California; and

WHEREAS, after the completion of his formal schooling, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem began his career in the field of education and dedicated his outstanding services as the Assistant Coordinator for the Continuing Education Division of the College of Micronesia, a position he held until January 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem began his career as a maker of law and policy when he was elected to the Kolonia Town Council in 1989, where he was chosen as Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Relations; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem once again received the blessing of the people of Kolonia Town when he ran for a seat in the Pohnpei Legislature in 1995 and was officially seated in the Fourth Pohnpei Legislature on the 8th of January 1996; and

WHEREAS, in his first term with the Legislature, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was appointed from among his colleagues to the Chairmanship for the Committee on Public Works, Transportation, and Communication, during which time period, a multitude of public works projects were being implemented by new and untried public corporations for utilities production and distribution and for air and seaport services that had just recently been established by Pohnpei law; and

WHEREAS, despite the uncertainty as to how these new public corporations were to be operated, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem did not shy away from his Committee's supervisory authority and used his keen intellect to oversee the smooth transition of these two essential public services from mere departmental status to fully functional corporate operations, and he also used his keen intellect to ensure the proper implementation of the projects entrusted to these new entities; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem captured the respect of his peers in the Pohnpei Legislature through demonstrating a character of endurance in his early days in the Legislature and exhibiting a mastering of the rules and procedures required of such an Assembly, and because of their confidence in him, his colleagues of

the Fifth Pohnpei Legislature seated him as the Parliamentarian/Floor Leader in January 2002, an office which he continued to hold until January 2011; and

WHEREAS, as Parliamentarian/Floor Leader, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem ensured that deliberations on the floor remained focused and diplomatic, despite the Senators' abundant differences of opinions; and

WHEREAS, in January 2012, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was nominated by his peers of the Eighth Pohnpei Legislature to become the Vice Speaker of that Legislature; and

WHEREAS, just two years later, in January of 2014, with the reorganization of the same Legislature, the late Honorable Fernando became Speaker of the Eighth Pohnpei Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was chosen by his peers again in January of 2016 to assume the highest office in the Ninth Pohnpei Legislature, and he continued to serve as the Speaker of the Ninth Pohnpei Legislature until his unexpected death; and

WHEREAS, as a well respected and tenured member of the Pohnpei Legislature, with much legislative experience under his belt, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was appointed to represent the Pohnpei Legislature in the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem became the longest serving member of the APIL to hold leadership positions in our Association, having served six full terms as the Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President of the APIL; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2019, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was elected by the representatives of the parliaments and legislative assemblies all across our region of

the Pacific to be the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, a position that he enthusiastically held until his untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, during his long and memorable tenure with the APIL, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem fostered friendship and amicability among the membership of our Association, making the many challenges affecting the APIL Member Jurisdictions capable of being more easily understood, more swiftly met and more readily overcome; and

WHEREAS, also during his long and illustrious tenure with the APIL, we saw the creation of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, the establishment of the sister relationship with the Micronesian Conservation Trust, the formation of the AYUDA Foundation, and the advancement of so many other programs through which the people of the APIL Pacific have received and will continue to receive great benefit; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem to the development of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures and the example of his leadership approach to matters of regional concern is and will remain an inspiration to all of us who were his colleagues and to all those who will seek to follow in his footsteps; and

WHEREAS, the life of the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem exemplified one of dignity, integrity, respect, valor, and selfless dedication, for he was exacting in all that he did and remained true to the principles which led him into the realms of the political world; and

WHEREAS, the members of APIL are deeply cognizant that we have lost a truly talented member with a sharp, but understanding political mind; and

WHEREAS, the tragic passing of the late President of the APIL, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem, will be widely mourned throughout Micronesia, the Pacific Region and beyond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, July 23-26, 2019, Republic of the Marshall Islands, hereby unanimously adopts this resolution honoring the life, mourning the passing, and expressing the grief of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures over the sudden and tragic calling from this earthly life of our esteemed and revered APIL President, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem, to his wife, Senator Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem, to his family and to the people of Pohnpei; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and copies of the same shall be transmitted to the wife and family of the late President of APIL, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-18

"Expressing sincere appreciation of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the Compact of Free Association Alliance National Network for the significant work they are doing to help advance the rights, privileges and opportunities of the citizens of the Freely Associated States residing in the USA, and expressing gratitude for the Network's continuing efforts to ensure equal and inclusive treatment of these citizens in the USA."

WHEREAS, the COFA Alliance National Network (CANN) is an Oregon based non-profit organization that is dedicated to advocating for the people of the three Pacific Island nations that have a unique Compact or treaty with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of the organization is to seek social and economic justice under the law for all COFA residents in Oregon and throughout the 50 states and its territories; and

WHEREAS, CANN is focused on educating Americans of the different issues faced by COFA citizens in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, CANN was created to highlight the injustices being done to COFA citizens and, in a collaborate effort, to address the issues that continue to hinder the advancement of COFA citizens in the USA; and

WHEREAS; CANN's strategic plan is to address, among other issues, healthcare and education of COFA citizens beginning at the state level with the hope to also address these issues at the national level in an effort to help ensure guaranteed access by COFA citizens to quality and affordable education and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, even with limited resources, CANN has been successful in its efforts to lobby the passage of state legislation that ensure that COFA citizens have

access to affordable education and quality healthcare in the states of Oregon and Washington; and

WHEREAS, CANN is forward looking and seeks to expand its work to help other states in the USA and continues to improve upon its strategic plan to address the many issues facing COFA citizens who are the residents in other USA states and eventually addressing these issues at the national level; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the APIL hereby express our sincere appreciation to the COFA Alliance National Network for the significant work they are doing to help advance the rights, privileges and opportunities of the COFA citizens residing in the USA and expresses our sincere appreciation of CANN's continuing efforts to ensure equal and inclusive treatment of these citizens while residing in the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 the CEO of the COFA Alliance National Network, and to the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each Member Jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38 GA-19

"Extending heartfelt congratulations to Aren B. Palik on your election to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and wishing for you the very best as you begin your career as a law-maker of the highest legislative assembly in the Federated States of Micronesia."

WHEREAS, in May 1987, the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures met in Saipan and unanimously endorsed the concept of creating a regional development bank; and

WHEREAS, in the ensuing years that followed that momentous decision and with the continuing support of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the Pacific Islands Development Bank, (PIDB), was established and its membership has now grown to include almost every Member Jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, in its early years, the PIDB struggled to gain a place in the economic development efforts of the nations, states, territories and commonwealth that make up the APIL Pacific, but in 2002, the Bank's prospects significantly improved with the appointment of Aren B. Palik as PIDB's President and Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Aren B. Palik came to the PIDB with a notable academic background, having graduated with honors from University of Delaware, Stonier Graduate School of Banking; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palik also came to the PIDB with considerable experience in the fields of both development banking and commercial banking, first serving as the Vice President of the FSM Development Bank and later holding positions of considerable importance in the FSM Commercial Bank and the Bank of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Palik's tenure as the President and CEO of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, its reputation for sound financial decisions and its outreach across the vast expanses of the APIL Pacific grew exponentially, the progress of which, PIDB President Palik

faithfully reported to the General Assemblies and Board of Directors' meetings of our Association; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures are very pleased to have learned that Aren B. Palik, President and CEO of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, has recently been chosen by the citizens of the FSM State of Korsae to serve as their elected four year representative in the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that all of the assembled delegates at this General Assembly hereby extend to you, Senator-elect Aren B. Palik, our heartfelt congratulations on your election to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and wish for you the very best as you begin your career as a law-maker of the highest legislative assembly in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although we will genuinely miss your wise and prudent counsel in financial and development matters, we are confident that the FSM Congress will be better for your inclusion, for we are certain that you will bring to that legislative assembly all the commitment, all the strength, all the enthusiasm, and all the experience that you have devotedly shared with us in the APIL during your long and successful career with the Pacific Islands Development Bank; and

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to Senator-elect, Aren B. Palik, to the Acting President of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, to the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 38-GA-20

"Humbly requesting United Airlines to extend more frequent airline services to the FSM States of Kosrae and Yap, as well as all APIL member jurisdictions."

WHEREAS, for over a decade, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has been adopting resolutions earnestly requesting that United Airlines consider extending greater services to the underserved islands of the APIL Pacific; and

WHEREAS, these urgent pleas of the APIL have also been founded on the critical importance of consistent and reliable airline services to the economic development of our islands and the health and social welfare of our people; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures finds that the present absence of consistent and reliable airline services for the FSM States of Kosrae and Yap are seriously dampening their capacities for tourism development and prompt medical referrals, as well as for many other aspects of life that are dependent on consistent and reliable airline services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures, 38th General Assembly, Republic of the Marshall Islands, July 23-26, 2019, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures humbly requests United Airlines to extend more frequent airline services to the FSM States of Kosrae and Yap, as well as to all APIL member jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the President of United Airlines and to the Chief Executive Officers and Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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