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SUBJECT: **Transmittal of Adopted Resolutions, APIL 60th Board of Directors' Meeting.**

Greetings Honorable Members! Hafa Adai Speaker Muña-Barnes,

Enclosed is a complete set of resolutions, which were duly and regularly adopted by the members of the APIL Board of Directors, 60th Meeting, December 4-6, 2019, Saipan, CNMI.

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Thank you for your continued support of APIL.

Happy New Year and with warmest regards,

WALDEN KC. WEILBACHER

Enclosures:
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ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

60th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS
OUTLINE AND TITLES

1. **Resolution No. 60-BOD-01, CD1**
   "Strongly supporting the enactment of U.S. Senate Bill 2218 and U.S. House Resolution 4821, collectively entitled "To amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to restore Medicaid coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the United States under the Compacts of Free Association between Government of the United States and the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau."

2. **Resolution No. 60-BOD-02, CD1**
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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 60-BOD-01, CD 1

"Strongly supporting the enactment of U.S. Senate Bill 2218 and U.S. House Resolution 4821, collectively entitled "To amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to restore Medicaid coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the United States under the Compacts of Free Association between Government of the United States and the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau."

WHEREAS, commencing in 1986, three treaty agreements, known as the Compacts of Free Association, have defined the relationship between the United States of America and the independent governments of the Freely Associated States, namely the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, inherent in these Compacts are the rights of the citizens of the three Compact of Free Association Countries, (COFA), to freely enter, study and work in the United States, which rights were granted in return for the United States' exclusive use and military strategic positioning in these countries whose territories cover vast expanses of the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, initially the COFA citizens who entered the United States under the terms of the Compacts of Free Association were treated with genuine respect and provided with the same academic advantages, economic opportunities and safety net protections as American citizens; but

WHEREAS, in 1996, the United States Congress inadvertently excluded COFA individuals from the list of legally present non-citizens eligible to qualify for certain federal benefits and since then, COFA individuals have been excluded from qualifying for Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, despite that unfortunate exclusion, the COFA citizens have continued to willingly contribute their time, their skills and their efforts to help drive America's economy by filling unpopular employment positions, paying federal, state and local taxes and joining in community improvement activities; and

WHEREAS, while the irradiation and displacement of Micronesians, most especially the Marshallese islanders, due to the testing of nuclear weapons in our islands by the U.S. Military in the early years of the Trust Territory Administration remains as a stain on the legacy of the United States' presence in Micronesia, COFA citizens willing join the Armed Forces of the U.S.A., have been fighting side-by-side with their fellow American combatants, and some valiant souls have even made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our shared values of preserving peace and security in a troubled world; and

WHEREAS, despite their willing efforts and their sincere contributions to the military and the many communities and societies that make up the face and form the heart of America, COFA citizens still remain ineligible for many of the federal programs that their tax dollars support; and

WHEREAS, the denial of Medicaid, in particular, has led to poor health consequences for COFA citizens, many of whom suffer from serious chronic conditions and health disparities, and, in the absence of federal support, the U.S. jurisdictions with large and emerging COFA populations have been burdened with the costs of providing even the most basic medical care for those in need and deserving COFA citizens; and

WHEREAS, while the Compacts of Free Association between the United States of America and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau are of critical importance to all of our countries, the burdens of the financial impacts of the Compacts fall disproportionately on a very few Pacific jurisdictions, most especially Hawaii, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to rectify the unfortunate exclusionary action of 1996, U.S. Senate Bill 2218 and U.S. House Resolution 4821 have recently been introduced into the 116th United States Congress, both of which would restore Medicaid coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that the enactment of these legislative measures will not only restore the essential safety net of health care for our COFA citizens residing in the United States, they will also greatly enhance the relationships of closeness, affiliation and cooperation among all of the countries who are parties to the Compacts of Free Association; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 60th Board of Directors Meeting, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby issues its strong support for the enactment of U.S. Senate Bill 2218 and U.S. House Resolution 4821, collectively entitled "To amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to restore Medicaid coverage for citizens of the Freely Associated States lawfully residing in the United States under the Compacts of Free Association between Government of the

United States and the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau."; 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, with our sincerest gratitude, to the sponsors of U.S. Senate Bill 2218 and U.S. House Resolution 4821, 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 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 60-BOD-02, CD 1

"Expressing deepest appreciation to the people and government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the designation of public domain lands for the establishment and maintenance of a Palauan Abai and to reaffirm our shared commitment to celebrating and promoting our shared Pacific cultural heritage."

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands has a culture and history of welcoming people to its shores and as such has been host and home to many Pacific Islanders dating back to even before the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands times when Saipan became the headquarters; and

WHEREAS, as host to the multitude of Micronesians and their families who served in the TTPI Administration and the emerging TTPI Congress of Micronesia, the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands allowed their fellow islanders to continue practicing their own cultures and traditions and encouraged them to share the richness and uniqueness of their cultures and heritage with their brothers and sisters in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, adding to the cultural diversity within the islands of the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of preserving culture, heritage, and traditions which are the foundation of our identities as Pacific peoples, the government and people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have generously designated public domain lands for the establishment of a Palauan Abai; and

WHEREAS, the Palauan Abai holds great cultural, communal, and historical significance for the Palauan people, standing as one of the most iconic symbols of Palauan culture; and

WHEREAS, this act of kindness and understanding by the people and government of the CNMI exhibits for all of us in the APIL their profound sense of the fundamental importance of preserving the identity, culture, and heritage of all Pacific Islanders, especially those within the Member Jurisdictions of the APIL; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 60th Meeting of the Board of Directors, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that the Board of Directors, for and on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby expresses our deepest appreciation to the people and government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the designation of public domain lands for the establishment and maintenance of a Palauan Abai; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors acknowledges and declares that this wondrous gift from the people of the CNMI to the people of Palau reaffirms and reminds us all of the inspiration we should all share together in the joy of celebrating and promoting our Pacific Islands languages, cultures and heritage; 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 the Republic of Palau, to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the CNMI; to the President of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, to the President of the Senate of the CNMI, to the Saipan-Belau Bai Project

Committee (SBBPC), 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. 60-BOD-03, CD 1

"Relative to calling upon member states to support and provide financial assistance to state agencies and community programs and events that preserve, develop, and perpetuate their indigenous cultures, languages, and arts."

WHEREAS, each cultural group within the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures have deep and rich bodies of traditional knowledge, expressions of culture, and lifeways that have developed over the millennia; and

WHEREAS, however, over the centuries, much of our indigenous cultures and traditions have been challenged or lost due to colonization, missionization, modernization, and globalization; and

WHEREAS, contemporarily, issues such as suicide, drug abuse, and teenage pregnancies, for some member states, are plaguing our communities at far higher levels than other countries; and

WHEREAS, arts, culture, and community programs are important means of safeguarding, maintaining, and transmitting traditional knowledge and expressions of culture; further, they have the ability to lift up our communities and give them reasons to dream and aspire; and

WHEREAS, cultural practitioners and artists share their knowledge and mentor upcoming generations of youth to ensure that our indigenous cultures and arts are transmitted to the next generation to survive and continue to be part of our lives; and

WHEREAS, cultural traditions, cultural events, and displays of indigenous art make life in Oceania rich and meaningful and give us a sense of self and a sense of pride; and

WHEREAS, prioritizing the support of vibrant cultural and artistic events and programs provide our community tools that equip them to make positive, productive, and healthy choices; studies show that they are effective tools in combating the social ills that challenge us; and

WHEREAS, communities in Oceania deserve lives rich in family who spend time bonding in traditional ways, rich in opportunities to experience and learn indigenous art forms such as dancing or chanting while gaining comradery and respect for each other, and rich in being able to continue to be attended to by our traditional healers for their treatments handed down through the millennia, using medicine still growing where ancestors placed them; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 60th Meeting of the Board of Directors, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that the Board of Directors, for and on behalf of the APIL, hereby calls upon the member states of the APIL~~:~~ to support and provide financial assistance to state agencies and community programs and events that preserve, develop, and perpetuate their indigenous cultures, languages, and arts; 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 Presiding Legislative Officers of the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 60-BOD-04

"Expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the hosting of the 60th Board of Directors Meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, for the use of its facilities, and for the extension of its hospitality and services to the members of the APIL Board of Directors and accompanying delegations."

WHEREAS, the 60th Board of Directors Meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures was held on the beautiful island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from December 4 through 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands graciously provided the support and logistics necessary for the conduct of the meeting and the requirements of those attending; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the President and Members of the Senate of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as many of the Legislature's staff, readily extended their hospitality and services to the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is represented in the APIL Board of Directors by Representative Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero and Representative Vinnie Sablan who were especially instrumental in making the APIL Board Meeting in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a memorable and successful one; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 60th Board Meeting, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the

Northern Mariana Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby expresses its appreciation to the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for hosting the 60th Board of Directors Meeting of the APIL and for all the attendant hospitality, facilities, and services extended to the APIL Board members and accompanying delegations; 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 thereafter transmitted to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the President of the Senate of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 60-BOD-05

"Expressing appreciation to United Airlines for their service in the APIL region, providing air transportation of people and cargo between the member jurisdictions; and as a close partner to the airline, the APIL welcomes the opportunity to further collaborate with United Airlines to further improve regional transportation within the islands."

WHEREAS, APIL is committed to supporting and facilitating the growth and development of its member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures recognizes this important need of transportation that has been provided over the years by United Airlines; and

WHEREAS, United Airlines has been servicing the islands and thus interlinking the islands to promote exchanges that further enhance economic and social development in part through the tourism industry to sustain growth and development; and

WHEREAS, in providing transportation, United Airlines makes essential services accessible to the people of the APIL jurisdictions such as advanced medical care and higher education in all parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, APIL expresses deep appreciation for the partnership that the Association has fostered over the years with United Airlines, especially in providing transportation to the meetings of the Association; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the vital service provided by United Airlines, the APIL deems it necessary to work closely with United Airlines to identify issues related to regional transportation and to develop policies and legislations to address those issues as they arise; and

WHEREAS, in this ever-changing world, timely, reliable, and affordable transportation is crucial in order for small island developing states to continue to pursue sustainable development, and there is still much to be done to increase frequency and affordability of regional transportation through policy and negotiations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the 60th Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that this Board of Directors expresses appreciation to United Airlines for their service in the APIL region, providing air transportation of people and cargo between the member jurisdictions; and as a close partner to the airline, the APIL welcomes the opportunity to further collaborate with United Airlines to further improve regional transportation within the islands; 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 Officer of United Airlines, Inc., to the Regional Director for Airport Operations Asia Pacific for United Airlines, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 60-BOD-07

"Relative to reaffirming its support and continuing to endorse the conservation goals of the Micronesia Challenge and calling on all APIL member jurisdictions 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 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 have made the visionary commitment to effectively conserve 30 percent of near-shore marine resources and 20 percent of terrestrial resources; and

WHEREAS, the Micronesia Challenge continues to fight to protect the phenomenally rich biodiversity found in Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 60th Meeting of the Board of Directors, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that the Board of Directors, for and on behalf of the APIL, hereby reaffirms its support and continually endorses the commitments of the "Micronesia Challenge" and calls on all APIL 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 Chief Executives 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. 60-BOD-08, CD 1

"Relative to unifying efforts to curb the victimization of vulnerable populations, by establishing and committing to regional reporting of crimes committed against children, women, and the elderly."

WHEREAS, across the Pacific, cultures share values that revere the elderly, honor women, and protect children; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, throughout our region too many nations and territories see violence and exploitation perpetrated against these important members of our island families; and

WHEREAS, efforts to understand, prevent, and punish these crimes can be made more effective if communities tied by common cultural threads collect and share comparable data; and

WHEREAS, regional stakeholders have noted gaps in reporting gender-based and other biased crimes, as recently as this year's United Nations Development Programme's Pacific Women Leadership Summit; and

WHEREAS, in recognizing this growing problem and potential vehicle for culturally relevant and competent solutions, the APIL is called to act accordingly and decisively; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by 60th Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, that its member jurisdictions are requested to commit to establishing, by local statute or otherwise, the regular reporting of local crimes perpetrated against children, women, and the elderly—which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to: (1) total number and demographic information of victims (age, gender, ethnicity, etc.);

(2) total number and demographic information of convicted abusers (age, gender, relationship to victim, number of convictions, etc.); (3) information about crime perpetrated (violence, criminal sexual conduct, financial exploitation, etc.); (4) information regarding the resolution of criminal cases (verdict reached, plea deal negotiated, dismissal of case, etc.); (5) current penalties for crimes committed against children, women, and the elderly; and (6) any newly adopted or enacted rules, regulations, or statutes addressing crimes committed against children, women, and the elderly on *at least* an annual basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all APIL member jurisdictions are requested to commit to transmitting the aforementioned report to the Association's Secretariat prior to APIL General Assemblies and meetings of the Board of Directors; and authorize the publishing of all reports to the APIL website for the free use of regional researchers and legislators; 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 Executives 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. 60-BOD-09

"Complimenting and recognizing the delivery of humanitarian work the AYUDA Foundation has provided to all APIL jurisdictions and expressing financial support for the furtherance of its programs, services, and mission."

WHEREAS, in 1996, Continental Micronesia, Inc. and the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) Medical Missions Foundation was formed, doing business as "Ayuda Foundation" (Ayuda); and

WHEREAS, Ayuda's primary focus was to provide medical relief, medical missions, medical supplies and equipment to the island jurisdictions of the APIL members; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Ayuda's mission has broadened to include typhoon and natural disaster relief, environmental adaptability and sustainability, and other endeavors contributing to the health and welfare of the peoples of the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, over its 23 years in existence, Ayuda has delivered medicines, medical supplies, food, water, educational materials, building materials, equipment, and other items and services to help lift and improve the lives of Pacific islanders of all APIL jurisdictions affected by natural disasters and other adversities; and

WHEREAS, Ayuda seeks to increase delivery of other goods and services to the Micronesian region to address the lack of basic necessities and needs relative to the health and welfare of the peoples of all APIL jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Ayuda, in order to increase its ability, efficiency, and effectiveness in the delivery of goods and services to the people of the Micronesian region, is requesting financial support from member jurisdictions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 60th Board of Directors meeting, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby compliments and recognizes the delivery of humanitarian work the AYUDA Foundation has provided to all APIL jurisdictions and expresses its financial support for the furtherance of its programs, services, and mission; 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 Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, and to the Honorable Ralph DLG Torres, Governor of the CNMI, to the Honorable Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Representative (D-MP), 116th U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Representative (D-GU) 116th U.S. Congress.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

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