

A RESOLUTION

Requesting and encouraging the Chief Executives of the Governments of the Pacific Island states to enter into a Free Trade Agreement among Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) member entities and with the United States Government at the earliest possible opportunity, in order to support the recovery of the ailing economies of Pacific Island states.

1 WHEREAS, the Pacific Island states have a long tradition of
2 friendly and mutually beneficial political and economic relations
3 with the United States and its associated entities; and

4 WHEREAS, the economies of the Pacific Island states have
5 experienced difficulties and stagnation due to the effect of
6 typhoons and other natural disasters, and are in need of
7 recovery; and

8 WHEREAS, at the present, the Pacific Island states lack the
9 resources and wealth to accomplish economic recovery and regain
10 some semblance of economic trade balances; and

11 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia hereby requests and
12 encourages the Chief Executives of the Governments of the Pacific
13 Island states to enter into a Free Trade Agreement among APIL
14 member entities and with the United States Government at the
15 earliest possible opportunity to support the recovery of the
16 ailing economies of Pacific Island states; now, therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of Micronesia,
18 Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the Congress hereby requests
19 and encourages the Chief Executives of the governments of the

1 Pacific Island states to enter into a Free Trade Agreement among
2 APIL member entities and with the United States Government at the
3 earliest possible opportunity; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
6 of Micronesia, the Secretariat of the Association of Pacific
7 Island Legislatures for and on behalf of the APIL member states,
8 the Governors of the four FSM states, and the United States
9 Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

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11 Date: 10/18/04

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