

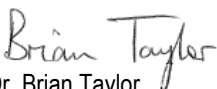
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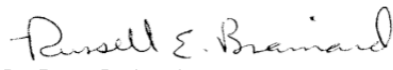
We are writing in support of the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS) proposal to continue the development of the PacIOOS system under the NOAA Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) program. The work PacIOOS proposes will continue to strengthen efforts within the Pacific Islands region to promote a safe, healthy, productive ocean and a resilient coastal zone.

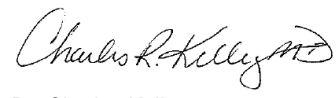
The PacIOOS Governing Council was established to provide stakeholder oversight, guidance, and support for the growth of the observing, modeling, data management, and product development subsystems of the PacIOOS regional effort. We, the undersigned Members of the Governing Council, represent a diverse group of constituents throughout the Pacific Islands region directly invested in the growth and development of PacIOOS. We use PacIOOS data and information products regularly in our individual planning, operations, and decision-making and request full and sustained support to PacIOOS for the continued development, enhancement, and provision of these services.

Sincerely,

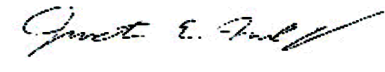

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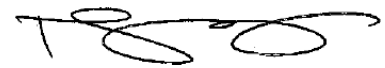

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