



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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FSM, State of Chuuk
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Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 40-GA-06

“Fully endorsing the mission and goals of the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS) and requesting the support of the governments, stakeholders and concerned citizens of the APIL member jurisdictions for the PacIOOS program in its endeavors in providing our island governments, stakeholders and concerned citizens with sustained coastal and ocean observations and access to timely information that will definitely assist us in our understanding and decision-making with respect to the many, varied states of our challenging ocean environment.”

5 **WHEREAS**, rising sea levels, increasing intensity and frequency of typhoons,
6 extreme weather events (e.g., storms, droughts), and overall changes in global climate
7 pose significant threats to the security of APIL member jurisdictions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the APIL firmly believes that it is essential to long term survival
9 and security in the Pacific to first observe and record, and then to come to a deeper
10 understanding of the current and potential threats to our island lifestyles, livelihoods,
11 economies and cultures that are being caused by these changing and hazardous
12 oceanic and coastal conditions that are engulfing our fragile marine environment; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), which
14 was established in 2007, was founded on the basic premise that solidly obtained and
15 scientifically analyzed coastal and ocean information will help save lives and will
16 help protect the capital, environmental, and cultural resources of our islands and seas;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, PacIOOS aims to empower all those in our region of the Pacific
19 whose lives and welfare are integrally connected with the ocean and the many others
20 who are dependent on our ocean resources by providing them with easy, accurate and

1 reliable coastal and ocean information, and thereafter by identifying for them the
2 requisite tools and services to cope with the ocean challenges that are being brought
3 upon us by global warming, sea rise and climate degradation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, PacIOOS seeks to deploy and maintain ocean observing assets
5 throughout much of our region of the Pacific, such as (1) wave buoys, (2) water
6 quality sensors, (3) atmospheric and ocean forecasts, and (4) data management and
7 delivery tools, that are designed to bolster climate resilience and to protect lives and
8 livelihoods; and

9 **WHEREAS**, PacIOOS seeks to work with APIL member jurisdictions, both
10 through direct engagement and through collaboration with regional partners, in
11 carrying out its mission and accomplishing its goals; now, therefore,

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 40th
13 General Assembly, FSM State of Chuuk, October 18-20, 2023, that this
14 Assembly hereby fully endorses the mission and goals of the Pacific Islands Ocean
15 Observing System (PacIOOS); and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL member jurisdictions are
17 respectfully requested to diligently and enthusiastically support the on-the-ground and
18 open-ocean efforts of PacIOOS in providing our island governments, stakeholders and
19 concerned citizens with sustained coastal and ocean observations and access to timely
20 information that will definitely assist us in our understanding and decision-making
21 with respect to the many, varied states of our challenging ocean environment.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify, and
23 the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
24 shall be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Carl Goulman, U.S. IOOS Director; to Dr.
25 Michael Bruno, Provost at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; to Dr. Christopher
26 Sabine, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Interim Vice Provost for Research and
27 Scholarship and PacIOOS Governing Council Chair; to Dr. Charles Fletcher, Interim

- 1 Dean, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawai'i at
- 2 Mānoa; to Ms. Melissa Iwamoto, PacIOOS Director; and to the Chief Executives and
- 3 Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the APIL.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.



**NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT**



**TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY**

