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.”

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

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

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

WHEREAS, PacIOOS aims to empower all those in our region of the Pacific whose lives and welfare are integrally connected with the ocean and the many others who are dependent on our ocean resources by providing them with easy, accurate and
reliable coastal and ocean information, and thereafter by identifying for them the
requisite tools and services to cope with the ocean challenges that are being brought
upon us by global warming, sea rise and climate degradation; and

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL member jurisdictions are
respectfully requested to diligently and enthusiastically support the on-the-ground and
open-ocean efforts of PacIOOS 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.

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 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Carl Goulman, U.S. IOOS Director; to Dr.
Michael Bruno, Provost at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa; to Dr. Christopher
Sabine, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s Interim Vice Provost for Research and
Scholarship and PacIOOS Governing Council Chair; to Dr. Charles Fletcher, Interim
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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                                    TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
PRESIDENT                                          SECRETARY

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