A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the government of the United States of America to ease some of its immigration restrictions on the citizens of island members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) when entering Guam, CNMI, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland.

- 1 WHEREAS, the United States of America has established
- 2 excellent governmental working relationships with most, if not all
- 3 of the island members of the Association of Pacific Island
- 4 Legislatures (APIL); and
- 5 WHEREAS, as a result of that excellent relationship, the
- 6 citizens of such island nations have frequented the United States
- 7 and its possessions for the purpose of, among other things,
- 8 education and employment opportunities; and
- 9 WHEREAS, such island nations need the United States'
- 10 assistance on such immigration issues for the benefit and well
- 11 being of their citizens; now, therefore,
- 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of Micronesia,
- 13 Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the Congress hereby requests
- 14 that the government of the United States of America eases some of
- 15 its immigration restrictions on citizens of the island members of
- 16 the APIL when entering Guam, CNMI, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland;
- 17 and

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       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
 3 of Micronesia, the Governors of the four FSM states, the Secretary
 4 of the United States Department of Interior, and the Secretariat
 5 of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for and on
 6 behalf of the Governments of the APIL member states.
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8 Date: <u>10/26/04</u>
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