



A RESOLUTION OF THE 14th MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

Directing the RWDC and PWIW 1) to work towards the localized solicitation of Workers during the Marianas Military Buildup, 2) align, where appropriate, the STEAM pipeline recruitment initiative with the region's K-12 education partners 3) support the expansion of membership of relevant economic development organizations that exists within the Micronesian region, and 4) expand the PTAC strategy as part of the RWDC and PWIW Micronesia Works strategic plan.

WHEREAS, the *Micronesia Works!* represents the unified efforts of the region's workforce investment system to support and identify developing strategies that strengthen the region's talent development agenda; and

WHEREAS, as it relates to the Marianas Military buildup, the Chief Executives endorse a Micronesian strategy specific to the manpower needs for the Marianas military buildup; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives strongly believe that National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) guidelines for recruiting workers for all military defense contracts should require that U.S. citizens and Micronesian workers be considered as the first order of solicitation before temporary foreign workers (H2B); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives, in the 13th MCES, approved the inclusion of Agriculture and Aquaculture as viable economic components of the STEAM initiative; and

WHEREAS, the RWDC and PWIW recognize the need to align the "STEAM" initiative with K-12 education collaborators, as a pre-requisite to developing the region's unique pre-recruitment pipeline into STEAM career pathways; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives support the Made-in-Micronesia initiative as an anchor entrepreneurial strategy that reinforces the Power of e3+1 specific to economic development;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives acknowledge the need to include active membership of industry and government programs that promote economic development interests, and to include specific representation of organizations like the region's Chambers of Commerce, Non-government organizations and appropriate partners that support economic development;

WHEREAS, positioning Made-in-Micronesia initiative has been identified by the RWDC and PWIW as an anchor entrepreneurial strategy that reinforces the Power of e3+1 specific to economic development;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives recognize the importance of technical training related to federal contract procurement for interested contractors; and

WHEREAS, technical contracting assistance to business interests seeking military contracts is provided by the University of Guam's Procurement and Technical Assistance Center, which service needs to expand throughout the region; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives direct the RWDC and the PWIW to work towards the localizing of the NDAA's area of solicitation for Micronesian Workers in support of the region's MCES Micronesia Works!; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives direct the RWDC and PWIW to align, where appropriate, the STEAM pipeline recruitment initiative with the regions K-12 education partners and collaborators, and further assigns the RWDC and PWIW to continue to promote, enhance and leverage all resources related to this initiative; and

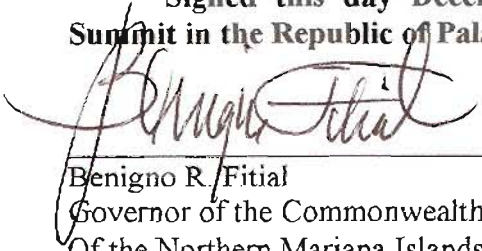
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives support the expansion of the membership of relevant economic development organizations that exists within the Micronesian region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives endorse the expanded PTAC strategy as part of the RWDC and PWIW Micronesia Works strategic plan; and

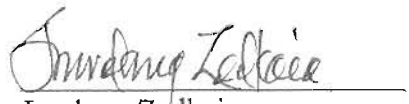
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RWDC and PWIW should work to expand throughout the region technical contracting assistance to business interests seeking military contracts currently provided in Guam by the University of Guam's Procurement and Technical Assistance Center.

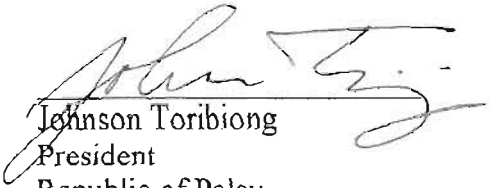
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Richard Trigg, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor/ETA; Alfred B. Valles, State Director, Hawaii-Pacific Office of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor; Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs; Kimberly Hussey, Command Labor Advisor, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Joe Ludovici, Executive Director, Joint Guam Program Office; Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director-General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community; Arne Duncan, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; and Maria S. Connelley, Director, Guam Department of Labor.

Signed this day December 16, 2010 at the 14th Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit in the Republic of Palau.


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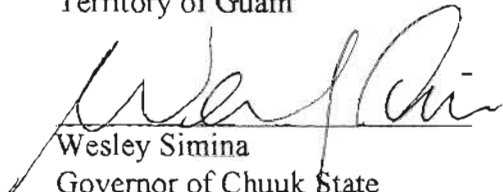

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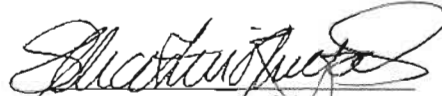
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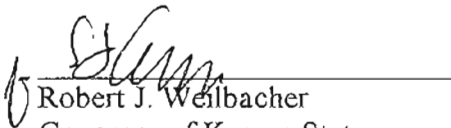
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