



Resolution No. 21-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE 21st MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

Supporting the work of the Pacific Region ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Fire-Fighting) Training Center (PRATC) and recommending full participation in its training programs.

WHEREAS, the PRATC, operated by the Commonwealth Ports Authority, and its accompanying Pro Board accreditation, provide a unique opportunity to facilitate and coordinate certified ARFF and firefighter training programs in our region; and

WHEREAS, at present, there is no coordinated, inter-agency agreement to share facilities, instruction, and training between the various fire departments in our region; and

WHEREAS, the attached PRATC Memorandum of Agreement represents an agreement between the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS), the Guam Fire Department (GFD), A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA), and the Western Pacific Islands Association of Fire Chiefs (WPIAFC) to share access to facilities and instructors for Fire-fighting Training Operations under one Training Program managed through PRATC; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Ports Authority will serve as the accredited examining agency for this Training Program and will oversee the admission of firefighters from each partner agency into the Training Program; and

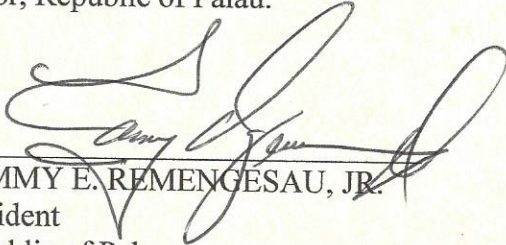
WHEREAS, this Training Program will allow fire departments in the region to take advantage of PRATC to maximize certified training and continuing education opportunities for firefighters from throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, this Training Program will allow each agency to conduct Pro Board training effectively and efficiently, including by conducting trainings both at PRATC and at their own facilities as "satellite sites." Further, allowing multiple departments and agencies to participate opens the potential instructor pool for trainings under the Training Program to instructors from these agencies. This could save regional departments the expense of securing needed instructors from the mainland United States or elsewhere to provide instruction and

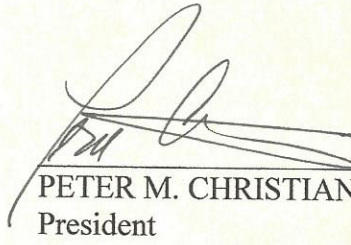
certification. It also makes available the expertise of the chief fire officers from WPIAFC to PRATC and permits outreach to fellow departments in Palau, FSM, and the Marshall Islands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chief Executives that they do hereby fully support and recommend participation in the Training Program as delineated in the PRATC Memorandum of Agreement. A copy of this Resolution and the PRATC Memorandum of Agreement will be forwarded to their corresponding agencies to promote this support.

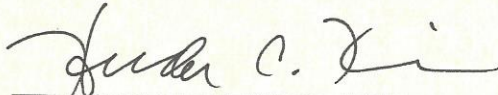
Signed this 24th Day of February, 2016 at the 21st Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit in Koror, Republic of Palau.



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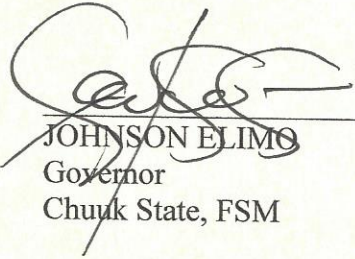
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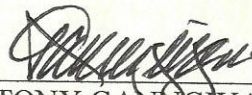
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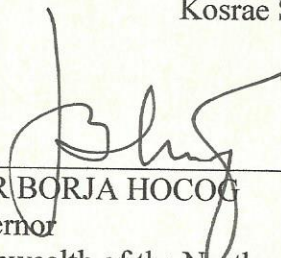
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