



December 3-4, 2019
Senator Antonio M. Palomo Guam Museum & Educational Facility
Hagåtña, Guam

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the World Heritage Opportunities in the Pacific Workshop was held in Guam, December 3 to 4, 2019, and was organized by the United States Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and the National Park Service in partnership with the Guam Preservation Trust and Guam Historic Resources Division, Government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs and the National Park Service look forward to sharing priorities and experiences that will help strengthen and build relationships and provide networking opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the workshop was to strengthen and build upon the efforts of the U.S.- affiliated Pacific Island communities and insular areas to preserve, protect, and promote cultural, historic, and natural resources and to learn more about the opportunities of engaging with the World Heritage Convention; and

WHEREAS, the World Heritage Opportunities in the Pacific Workshop has brought together HPO staff and other delegates from American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, those assembled participated in panel presentations and discussion of the World Heritage Convention, its opportunities and challenges, and the necessary steps to collaborate and advance a nomination; and

WHEREAS, through the Pacific Community Café exercise which creates a living network of collaborative dialogue, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the participants of the World Heritage Opportunities in the Pacific Workshop as assembled, in consideration of the above hereinafter set forth, do hereby:

Stress the importance of respect and patience to listen to all stakeholders, especially elders and traditional leaders, as primary cultural values that must be acknowledged to conduct meaningful outreach to gain support of World Heritage Sites in island communities.

Underscore the need to use traditional values in teaching, storytelling, and promoting the idea of sacredness of sites as positive steps to ensure the maintenance of our unique cultural identities.

Encourage programs that foster youth engagement between island communities in the region as a pathway to develop trans-Pacific networks for Pacific entities who are not represented fully in internationally recognized conventions.

Instill policies that draw from traditional knowledge when involving island communities to preserve significant sites especially in light of changes in the natural environment.

Reaffirm the importance of the cultural value of involving traditional leaders when developing management policies for heritage sites.

Recognize Pacific Communities' shared cultural value of respect for heritage that includes land, sea, and surrounding resources as a strength and the foremost uniting value necessary for our communities to effectively implement and maintain a holistic management approach towards heritage sites.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on the 4th day of December, 2019.

SIGNED BY THE DELEGATION FROM:

AMERICAN SAMOA

FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA

GUAM

HAWAII

MARSHALL ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

PALAU

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS