A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 34-GA-09

“Solemnly recognizing and expressing our deep and abiding respect and pride in the continuing accomplishments of the Former Presidents of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.”

1. WHEREAS, since its inception in 1981, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has existed as a regional organization committed to working together on matters of mutual concern and interest; and

2. WHEREAS, the APIL is comprised of legislative representatives from the island governments of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Island of Guam, the FSM State of Chuuk, the FSM State of Kosrae, the FSM State of Pohnpei, the FSM State of Yap, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the State of Hawaii, the Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Kiribati; and

3. WHEREAS, as representatives of peoples of these Pacific Islands, the members of the APIL have joined together in an association structured with sufficient capability and permanence to address, in depth, the substantive regional and international issues facing the emerging Pacific governments; and

4. WHEREAS, the members of the APIL annually elect officers to lead the Association in the pursuit of its mission and in carrying out the mandates of its General Assemblies and Board of Director meetings; and

5. WHEREAS, principal among these officers, are the APIL Presidents who carry the banner of the APIL throughout the year, ensuring that the voice of the APIL is heard in the centers of power and influence; and

6. WHEREAS, it is the custom and practice of the APIL to rotate the presidency among the twelve member jurisdictions of the APIL, which in turn provides diversity, character and depth to this office; and
WHEREAS, it is the sense of the APIL, that those who serve as presidents of this organization, are themselves personally enhanced and uplifted by their service in that office; and

WHEREAS, it is the further sense of the APIL that in the years which follow their presidency, the Former Presidents of the APIL remain committed to the mission of the APIL as they continue down many different paths of public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 34th General Assembly, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that this Assembly hereby solemnly recognizes and expresses our deep and abiding respect and pride in the continuing accomplishments of our Former Presidents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Former Presidents of the APIL are encouraged to join together in a Council of Presidents through which these former officers can provide continuing advice, guidance and prestige to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to its member legislative assemblies and the partner organizations that are sponsored by the APIL; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL Board of Directors are requested to place on their agenda for consideration at the next Board meeting, an item concerning the formal recognition and placement of the Council of Presidents within the organizational structure of the APIL; and

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 each of the living Former Presidents of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2015.

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCAILEM
SECRETARY