APIL Resolution No. 35-GA-21

“Requesting the governments of the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to recognize and support Hawai‘i as the host of the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, in 2020.”

WHEREAS, the Festival of Pacific Arts (Festival) has been held approximately every four years since its founding in 1972, bringing together a delegation of at least 2,500 artists, performers, and cultural practitioners from different nations in Oceania to preserve and perpetuate the arts and cultures of their indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Festival was conceived by the Conference of the South Pacific Commission, now the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, to combat the erosion of traditional customary practices; and

WHEREAS, the Festival is the largest gathering in which Pacific peoples unite to respect and appreciate one another, and during the Festival, delegations from twenty seven Pacific Island Nations and Territories share and exchange their cultures; and

WHEREAS, the participating nations of the Festival honor their living treasures during the Festival by representing their respective culture to participants, residents of the host country, and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, visitors from around the world come to the Festival to appreciate what the artists, performers, cultural practitioners, and host country have to offer, thereby creating a global market for art, ideas, and products; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture selects the host country based on the principles of equitable opportunity, by rotating the Festival among nations that have never hosted the event; and

WHEREAS, the first Festival was held in Fiji in 1972, followed by New Zealand in

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i has finally been selected to host the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts in 2020, since Hawai‘i delegations have attended every Festival since 1976; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Hagåtña, Guam, June 1-3, 2016 does hereby recognize and support Hawai‘i as the host of the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, in 2020; 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 transmitted to the Presiding Legislative Offices and Chief Executives of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY