Resolution No. 53-BOD-14

"Expressing the sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the Honorable Rebluud Kesolei for his outstanding leadership during his two consecutive terms as the President of this Association."

WHEREAS, the Honorable Rebluud Kesolei, Delegate of the National Congress of Palau (OEK), and long term representative of the Republic of Palau in the APIL, served as the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures from October 2010 through December 2012; and

WHEREAS, during the period that former President Kesolei was at the helm of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the APIL embarked on a number of new and groundbreaking initiatives; and

WHEREAS, high among the many accomplishments that the APIL achieved during the tenure of former President Kesolei, the Association became a decisive advocate in the campaign to reduce the rising epidemic of non-communicable diseases among the peoples of the APIL Pacific, it took on the initiative to create the largest shark sanctuary in the world through a combination of the ocean exclusive economic zones of the APIL member countries as well as pressing for bans on shark fins transiting the ports and being served in the restaurants of the APIL islands, it promoted the development and integration of internet services throughout the region through the deployment of novel concepts such as the "Blue Continent," and it became a firm spokesman to gain the respect of the scientific community, the military establishment and exploitive commercial ventures of the unique and valuable nature of the region’s natural resources; and
WHEREAS, during the tenure of former President Kesolei, the Association also forged new partnerships with a number of influential and committed NGO’s and public service groups, creating dialogs between law makers and concerned citizen groups on matters of great importance to the whole APIL Pacific; and

WHEREAS, during the tenure of former President Kesolei, the Association also strengthened its outreach to Washington, D.C. and to the international community of nations in matters of mutual concern, thereby gaining an increasing measure of acknowledgement and respect for the Association and its member jurisdictions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd Board of Directors meeting, December 5-6, 2012, State of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Board of Directors of the APIL do hereby express our sincere appreciation to the Honorable Rebluud Kesolei for his outstanding leadership during his two consecutive terms as the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; 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 former APIL President, Honorable Rebluud Kesolei and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
PRESIDENT

CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY