Resolution No. 55-BOD-05

A RESOLUTION

"Calling upon the Officers of the APIL to conduct a study and to develop a program for presentation at the next General Assembly of the APIL to enable the Office of the President of the APIL to issue recognition awards to those individuals, organizations, agencies who have demonstrated an extraordinary job in achieving the goals and aspirations of the APIL."

WHEREAS, since its inception more than three decades ago, the continuing mission of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has been to organize a permanent association of mutual assistance by representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands to meet on a regular basis to consider matters of mutual interest in areas where regional cooperation, coordination, exchange and assistance would help individual governments achieve their goals through collective action; and

WHEREAS, these mutual areas of interest cover the vast expanse of legislative concerns, including the areas of resources and economic development, commerce, legislation, energy, regional security and defense, communications, cultural appreciation, health and social services, education, agriculture, air and sea transportation, aquaculture, sports and recreation, youth and senior citizens, tourism, finance, political status, external relations, and development banking; and

WHEREAS, while these areas are of vital interest and concern to each of the Legislatures which compose the membership of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, this organization humbly recognizes that there are many other agencies, associations and persons committed to serving the peoples of the APIL Pacific in each of these areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the APIL further recognizes that on special occasions and in special circumstances, individuals rise above the call of duty and perform acts of courage, influence and merit deserving of the public’s attention and our gratitude; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the APIL further recognizes that while the meritorious actions of these individuals may well be acknowledged and celebrated in their home islands, there are few forums at the regional level that can call attention to the regional impacts of these meritorious acts of courage and wisdom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Fifty-Fifth Board of Directors Meeting, State of Yap, December 3-5, 2014, that the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, for and on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby calls upon the Officers of the APIL to conduct a study and to develop a program for presentation at the next General Assembly of the APIL to enable the Office of the President of the APIL to issue recognition awards to those individuals, organizations, agencies who have demonstrated an extraordinary job in achieving the goals and aspirations of the APIL, as exemplified through such actions as will forward the economic development of the region, preserve our unique ecosystems, or ensure the health, education or welfare of our people, with the understanding that the Central Secretariat will assist the President in obtaining nominations for the awards, especially in areas of priority which have been set forth in the resolutions adopted by the General Assemblies 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 thereafter be transmitted to each of the Officers of the APIL, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014

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ACTING PRESIDENT

CHANG B. WILLIAM  
SECRETARY