Resolution No. 56-BOD-06

"Expressing the deepest gratitude of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures to the leadership and faculty of the Xavier High School and to the people and government of the State of Chuuk for providing educational opportunities of highest excellence and for providing a home away from home for the female and male students of Xavier."

WHEREAS, Xavier High School began its operation on September 8, 1952, with 21 boys from the former Truk District; thereafter Xavier High School found and enrolled students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, State of Pohnpei, State of Yap, and the Republic of Palau and further expanded its enrollment to the students of the State of Kosrae; and

WHEREAS, "The mission of Xavier High School is to educate students to be competent, conscientious, and compassionate leaders whose lives are guided by the Christian call of Services."; and

WHEREAS, the first graduating class of 1956 graduated only four students, all of whom were Palauan students, namely Andres Ucherbelau, Raymond Ulechong, Lazarus Eitaro Salii, and Anthony Polloi who became important leaders in the society of Palau and in the Trust Territory Government in the areas of politics, healthcare, and maritime affairs; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Xavier High School began accepting female students and since then the enrollment has grown to more than 150 students; and

WHEREAS, Xavier High School has successfully graduated many students who have become successful leaders in their own island countries in many different respects including government and politics, public service, media and the arts, private sector, environmental
conservation, education, religious organizations, law, healthcare, maritime, US Armed Forces, and industry in each respective island in Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures have greatly benefitted from the education that Xavier High School provides to many of our people who have been through the corridors of Xavier High School; and

WHEREAS, the APIL Board of Directors is cognizant of the caliber of education that Xavier High School has to offer and believe that the life that many Xavierites call “Xavier Life” is something that prepares young individuals to think critically and independently in order to become honest and productive members of their societies and the world; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Chuuk through their hospitality have continued to provide a place that has made many young Micronesians who attend Xavier High School call Chuuk a second home; and

WHEREAS, since Xavier began accepting female students, it became a challenge for parents from the other islands of Micronesia to send their daughters to a place far from their island homes; however, the people of the State of Chuuk welcomed these young Micronesian women with open arms and have treated them as family, and often times the female graduates of Xavier say that they have a family in Chuuk and continue to maintain that relationship; and

WHEREAS, the young Micronesian men who also attend Xavier High School are also given the opportunity to have sponsor families that take care of them like they are their own, and the male student’s own families on their home islands are deeply grateful that such Micronesian values are being preserved and sincerely thank the people of the State of Chuuk; and

WHEREAS, the island of Chuuk has successfully hosted Xavier High School, and even though suggestions to relocate the school from Chuuk to Pohnpei after the closing down of the
Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School were made, the Government of Chuuk has consistently declared that the community of Chuuk has hosted the school and therefore the school should remain; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby expresses the deepest gratitude of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislature to the leadership and faculty of the Xavier High School and to the people and government of the State of Chuuk for providing educational opportunities of highest excellence and for providing a home away from home for the female and male students of Xavier; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the APIL President shall certify and the Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to Principle Official of the Xavier High School, to the Governor and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the FSM State of Chuuk, and to the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY