Resolution No. 56-BOD-12

"Recognizing and commending the Honorable Associate Justice Chang B. William for his accomplishments and expressing deepest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the state and people of the FSM State of Kosrae and to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures."

WHEREAS, Associate Justice Chang B. William was born on November 22, 1963 in the FSM State of Kosrae where he grew up and started his journey into leadership and public service; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice William fulfilled his calling into public service by first committing himself to the completion of his education beginning at the Lelu Elementary School where he finished his primary education and continued to attend the Kosrae High School and graduated in 1982; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from high school, Associate Justice William went to further his education at the Community College of Micronesia where he earned his Associate of Science degree in General Business in 1984 and immediately enrolled in the Third Year Program of the College where he received a certificate as a recipient of the National Dean’s List Honor; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice William continued his educational journey by enrolling at the University of Guam where he successfully completed his studies and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the education that Associate Justice William received, he began in his early years building a successful career and learning the importance of good work ethics by
entering into the workforce as early as 1984 where he worked as a store clerk and later as a
classroom teacher from 1985 to 1995 whilst pursuing his education; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice William continued his public service as a Legislative Legal
Aide from 1995 to 2005 and because of his exemplary performance advanced to become a Justice
Pro Tempore of the Land Court from 2003 to 2004, and beginning in 1996 until 2015 Associate
Justice Willing was a Trial Counselor for the Kosrae State Court; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice William successfully entered the Kosrae State Legislature as
a Senator from 2005 to 2015 and in his capacity as Senator, Associate Justice William became a
member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures from 2011 to
2015 where he duly served the people of the State of Kosrae and made invaluable contributions to
the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, during his service with the APIL, Associate Justice William gained the respect
and confidence of the Association and was elected to serve as the Association’s Treasurer in 2011
and thereafter as the Association’s Secretary in 2013, the Officer’s position in the APIL he continued
to hold until the expiration of his final term with the Kosrae Legislature; and

WHEREAS, after Associate Justice William duly served all his terms as Senator and was no
longer eligible to run again for office, he was appointed and sworn in as the newest Associate Justice
for the Kosrae State Court in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice William has attended and participated in numerous trainings,
conferences, and seminars including Research, Drafting and Writing Workshop, Pre-trial and Trial
Preparation Seminar, Pre-Law Training, Seminar on Business Law, the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th FSM
Judicial Conferences, USDA Training on Performance Budgeting, Advance Evidence Training for
Judges, Training Session on Organizational Capacities, Pacific Regional Consultation on Human
Rights for Members of Parliament, and Regional Consultation on Human Rights for Judicial
Decision-makers that have given him new skills and experiences which in turn have contributed to his continuing success in serving the people of Kosrae in the different areas where he has publicly served; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice William is also an avid member of society where he has served in many organizations including the Kosrae Teachers Association where he was President from 1993 to 1995, Staff of the 2nd Kosrae State Constitutional Convention in 1994, Officer of the Lelu PTA Board from 1996 to 2003, Member of the Board of Directors for the Micronesian Legal Service Corporation from 2011 to 2015, and Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures from 2011 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice William continues to serve the people of Kosrae through his involvement and membership in religious organizations including the Lelu Youth Christian Endeavor, the Sangkumi Lelu, the Lelu Gospel Choir, and most recently as a Layminister, a Deacon, and finally a Revered in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Associate Justice Chang B. William administered the Oath of Office for the new Executive Officers of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, namely Senator Kenneth Kedi as President, Vice Speaker Robert Taulung as Vice President, Speaker Fernando Scalier as Secretary, and Senator Nelson Stephen as Treasurer, at the Opening Ceremony of the 56th Board of Directors Meeting in the FSM State of Kosrae; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate to recognize the Honorable Associate Justice Chang B. William for his extraordinary contributions to the people and FSM State of Kosrae and to the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures at this 56th Board of Directors Meeting held in Kosrae as it is the contributions of former members like Associate Justice William that has paved the way to allow for this opportunity to occur; now, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 56th Board Meeting, December 2-3, 2015, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby recognizes and commends the Honorable Associate Justice Chang B. William for his accomplishments and expresses its deepest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the state of Kosrae and to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; 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 the Honorable Associate Justice Chang B. William 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 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015

KENNETH A. KEDI  FERNANDO SCALIEM
PRESIDENT  SECRETARY