Resolution No. 57-BOD-09

"Pledging and re-committing the present membership of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the awesome task and to the humbling responsibility of upholding the vision, the outreach and the enthusiasm that is, and should always be, the continuing legacy of an organization founded on the ideals of mutual trust, cooperation and action."

WHEREAS, first conceived of almost a half a century ago and formally established in 1982, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is now entering its 35th year of existence; and

WHEREAS, in its three and a half decades of existence, the mission of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has remained constant: "to organize a permanent association of mutual assistance by representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands"; and

WHEREAS, over the many years of its existence, the mission of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has been carried forward into almost every aspect of legislative concern:

- from economic development to public finance,
- from airline services to sea transportation,
- from conventional energy production to alternate energy research,
- from pre-school programs to adult education,
- from basic health services to advanced care abroad,
- from care for the disabled to care for the aging,
- from environmental controls and limitations to the enjoyment of public parks and public places,
- from rain forest management to marine conservation,
- from human trafficking to domestic violence,
• from the pioneering development of digital pipelines to the advanced technologies of computer sciences,
• from the growing dangers of global warming and sea rise to aggressive programs of atoll hardening and the establishment of safe havens,
• from the recognition of the need for the implementation of sophisticated typhoon and tsunami warning systems to the call for coordinated disaster relief and rehabilitation programs, and
• from the many, many other areas of identified regional attention to the many, many other areas of solid and sustainable problem solutions; and

WHEREAS, as it sought to address and to solve the many challenges facing the islands and the peoples of the Pacific, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has sponsored and encouraged the establishment of many other worthy regional entities, among which we are most proud of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, the Ayuda Foundation, and the Digital Society Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and its many associated organizations and NGO’s have been instrumental in obtaining global recognition of our particular and specialized corner of the world, now reverently labeled and affectionately referred to as the “Blue Continent”; and

WHEREAS, throughout the three and a half decades of APIL existence and work in the region, this organization has seen the comings and goings of generations of lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, we who serve in the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, today, acknowledge, praise and celebrate the vision and the initiatives of our forefathers, our foremothers, our uncles, our aunts, our older cousins and relatives and all those other representatives of the people who came before us with the vision and determination to make this organization the success that it has now become; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 57th Board Meeting, State of Chuuk, December 8-9, 2016, that we, the present members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, as we enter the new year of 2017, do hereby pledge and do hereby re-commit ourselves to the awesome task and to the humbling responsibility of upholding the vision, the outreach and the
enthusiasm that is and should always be the continuing legacy of an organization founded
on the ideals that:

"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, it is proposed
(and it is now realized) that a mutual assistance organization be formed
by representatives of those Pacific Island people who express willingness
to join together in an association structured with sufficient capability and
permanence to address, in depth, the substantive regional and
international issues facing the emerging Pacific governments."; 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 Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DUTY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT

NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY