



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
FSM, State of Chuuk  
FSM, State of Kosrae  
FSM, State of Pohnpei  
FSM, State of Yap  
Island of Guam  
Republic of Kiribati  
Republic of the Marshall Islands  
Republic of Nauru  
Republic of Palau  
State of Hawaii

## A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 27-GA-05

**“Expressing the Strong Support for the 10<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Pacific Arts; Recognizing American Samoa as the Official Event Host; and Encouraging Full Participation in the Festival.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1969, the Conference of the South Pacific Commission, now the Pacific  
2 Community, visualized a regional event to resist the erosion of traditional customary practices, which vision  
3 has materialized into the Festival of Pacific Arts, held every four years for cultural sharing and cultivation of  
4 deeper understanding and friendship between countries; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Festival has enjoyed continued growth and success since 1972 as seen by  
6 attendance in excess of 2,000 participants and delegations from some 27 Pacific Island countries and  
7 territories, including American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Easter Island, Federated States of  
8 Micronesia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New  
9 Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea,  
10 Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the Festival of Pacific Arts affords an opportunity for the Pacific people to assert their  
12 identities, and to share their history, customs and traditions with fellow Pacific Islanders and also provides a  
13 unique opportunity for the host country to present itself to its own people, to invited countries, and to  
14 Festival audiences; and

15           **WHEREAS**, past Festivals have demonstrated, exhibited and conducted a multitude of activities,  
16 including contemporary arts, traditional arts, photographic arts, cinematography, body art, weaving, wood,  
17 bone and stone carving, tapa making, tattooing, jewelry, beadwork and shell work, costume pageants,  
18 pottery, floral arts, traditional medicine and healing crafts, traditional boat building and navigational crafts,  
19 traditional culinary arts, philatelic arts and traditional monies, literary arts, traditional and contemporary  
20 performing arts (orations and story-telling, musical instruments, song, dance, theatre, drama and fire  
21 walking), traditional sports, symposia, debates and workshops; and

1       **WHEREAS**, from July 20<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the tenth Festival will be graciously hosted by  
2 the Territory of American Samoa, with the theme *Threading the Oceania Ula*, to accentuate a coming  
3 together and unification of the Pacific people; and

4       **WHEREAS**, since the Festival of the Pacific Arts is a major cultural, technical and economic event  
5 for the region, with 25 Pacific Island countries and territories scheduled to participate, it is fitting to  
6 recognize this celebration as a superb opportunity for Pacific Islanders to gather and share the uniqueness of  
7 their respective cultures and to promote the preservation of their traditional customary practices, while at the  
8 same time, showcasing many contemporary developments; and

9       **WHEREAS**, insofar as the Festival presents special challenges for the host country, it is likewise  
10 appropriate to recognize the Territory of American Samoa as the official host; now, therefore,

11       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Twenty-Seventh General  
12 Assembly, Island of Guam, May 5-7, 2008, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures extends its  
13 strong support for a successful 10<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Pacific Arts, and encourages full participation by Pacific  
14 Island countries and territories, and acknowledges the Territory of American Samoa as the official host  
15 country; and

16       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures  
17 certifies, and the Secretary of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures attests to, the adoption hereof  
18 and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director-  
19 General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community; the Honorable Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Governor of American  
20 Samoa; the Honorable Lolo M. Moliga, President of the American Samoa Senate; the Honorable Savali  
21 Talavou Ale, Speaker of the American Samoa House of Representatives; Mr. Fagafaga Daniel Langkilde and  
22 Mrs. Leala Elisara, Co-Chairpersons of the American Samoa 10<sup>th</sup> Festival of Pacific Arts Organizing  
23 Committee; and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and Chief Executives of each of the APIL member  
24 jurisdictions.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2008.**

  
**SABINO SAUCHOMAL**  
**APIL PRESIDENT**

  
**WILLIAM NGIRAIKELAU**  
**APIL SECRETARY**

