



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

APIL Resolution No. 34-GA-09

“Solemnly recognizing and expressing our deep and abiding respect and pride in the continuing accomplishments of the Former Presidents of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.”

1 **WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1981, the Association of Pacific Island
2 Legislatures has existed as a regional organization committed to working together on
3 matters of mutual concern and interest; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the APIL is comprised of legislative representatives from the island
5 governments of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the
6 Island of Guam, the FSM State of Chuuk, the FSM State of Kosrae, the FSM State of
7 Pohnpei, the FSM State of Yap, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of
8 Palau, the State of Hawaii, the Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Kiribati; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as representatives of peoples of these Pacific Islands, the members of
10 the APIL have joined together in an association structured with sufficient capability and
11 permanence to address, in depth, the substantive regional and international issues facing
12 the emerging Pacific governments; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the members of the APIL annually elect officers to lead the
14 Association in the pursuit of its mission and in carrying out the mandates of its General
15 Assemblies and Board of Director meetings; and

16 **WHEREAS**, principal among these officers, are the APIL Presidents who carry the
17 banner of the APIL throughout the year, ensuring that the voice of the APIL is heard in the
18 centers of power and influence; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is the custom and practice of the APIL to rotate the presidency
20 among the twelve member jurisdictions of the APIL, which in turn provides diversity,
21 character and depth to this office; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the APIL, that those who serve as presidents of this
2 organization, are themselves personally enhanced and uplifted by their service in that
3 office; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is the further sense of the APIL that in the years which follow their
5 presidency, the Former Presidents of the APIL remain committed to the mission of the
6 APIL as they continue down many different paths of public service; now, therefore,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 34th General
8 Assembly, July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, that this Assembly hereby solemnly
9 recognizes and expresses our deep and abiding respect and pride in the continuing
10 accomplishments of our Former Presidents; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Former Presidents of the APIL are
12 encouraged to join together in a Council of Presidents through which these former officers
13 can provide continuing advice, guidance and prestige to the Association of Pacific Island
14 Legislatures and to its member legislative assemblies and the partner organizations that are
15 sponsored by the APIL; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL Board of Directors are requested to
17 place on their agenda for consideration at the next Board meeting, an item concerning the
18 formal recognition and placement of the Council of Presidents within the organizational
19 structure of the APIL; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
21 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be
22 thereafter transmitted to each of the living Former Presidents of the Association of Pacific
23 Island Legislatures and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each
24 member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2015.



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

