



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. 35-GA-07

“Congratulating the government and the people of the island of Guam for successfully hosting the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts on Guam, from May 22 to June 4, 2016.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35th General Assembly
2 congratulates and thanks the government and people of Guam for successfully hosting the 12th
3 Festival of Pacific Arts on Guam, held from May 22 to June 4, 2016. Twenty-seven Pacific
4 islands and nations participated at the Festival of Pacific Arts, including all of the APIL
5 members; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Festival of Pacific Arts has been held every four years since 1972, and
7 brings together artists and cultural practitioners from around the Pacific region for two weeks of
8 sharing arts and culture. It is recognized as a major regional cultural event, and is the largest
9 gathering in which Pacific peoples unite to enhance their respect and appreciation of one another;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the idea of a Festival of Pacific Arts was conceived by the Conference of
12 the South Pacific Commission, now the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, (SPC), in an
13 attempt to combat the erosion of traditional customary practices. Since 1972, delegations from
14 twenty-seven Pacific island nations and territories have come together to share and exchange
15 their cultures at each Pacific Arts Festival; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts on Guam received a delegation of 2,500
17 performers, dancers, artists and cultural practitioners, in addition to thousands of visitors and
18 festival followers from neighboring islands and from Asia; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the twenty-seven Pacific island nations and territories that were expected to
20 be in attendance at the Festival include: American Samoa, Australia, the Cook Islands, Easter
21 Island, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam (2016 Host),
22 Hawaii, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk

1 Island, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the
2 Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and
3 Futuna; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts participating delegations featured and
5 showcased their Traditional Dance Performances; the Jamz House live musical performances;
6 Literary Arts: Theatre; Literary Arts: Oratory and Spoken Word Poets; Literary Arts:
7 Publications; Literary Arts: Performance; Literary Arts: Indigenous Languages; Literary Arts:
8 Fashion; Visual Arts; Traditional Arts, Demonstrations and Exhibitions; Floral Arts; Culinary
9 Arts; Forums, Workshops and Seminars; and Culture, Arts and Sustainable Development in the
10 Pacific; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam had won the bid to host the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts
12 at the 10th Festival held in American Samoa in 2008; and it was during the 11th Festival of
13 Pacific Arts, held on the Solomon Islands in July 2012, that Guam officially received the Festival
14 flag; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts is another venue where APIL member
16 islands and nations can thrive and share their beautiful Pacific island cultures and arts that define
17 who they are as a people; now, therefore,

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35th General
19 Assembly, *Hagåtña*, Guam, June 1-3, 2016, does hereby, congratulate and commend the
20 government and people of the island of Guam for successfully hosting the 12th Festival of Pacific
21 Arts held on Guam from May 22 to June 4, 2016; and does further express its sincere gratitude to
22 the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts 2016 Coordinating Committee under the leadership of First Lady
23 Christine M.S. Calvo, Honorary Chairperson; Ms. Rose F. Ramsey, Festival Director; Mr. Jon
24 Nathan Denight, Chairperson, as well as all the committee members, assistants and workers for
25 all their hard work and time spent to organize and steer the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts; and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President certify and the APIL Secretary
27 attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
28 Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* (the Governor of Guam); to the
29 Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*
30 (the 33rd Guam Legislature); to First Lady Christine M.S. Calvo, Honorary Chairperson of the

- 1 12th Festival of Pacific Arts; to Ms. Rose F. Ramsey, Director of the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts;
2 and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of
3 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2016.



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

