



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-21

“Requesting the governments of the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to recognize and support Hawai‘i as the host of the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, in 2020.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Festival of Pacific Arts (Festival) has been held approximately every
2 four years since its founding in 1972, bringing together a delegation of at least 2,500 artists,
3 performers, and cultural practitioners from different nations in Oceania to preserve and
4 perpetuate the arts and cultures of their indigenous peoples; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Festival was conceived by the Conference of the South Pacific
6 Commission, now the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, to combat the erosion of traditional
7 customary practices; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Festival is the largest gathering in which Pacific peoples unite to respect
9 and appreciate one another, and during the Festival, delegations from twenty seven Pacific Island
10 Nations and Territories share and exchange their cultures; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the participating nations of the Festival honor their living treasures during
12 the Festival by representing their respective culture to participants, residents of the host country,
13 and visitors from around the world; and

14 **WHEREAS**, visitors from around the world come to the Festival to appreciate what the
15 artists, performers, cultural practitioners, and host country have to offer, thereby creating a
16 global market for art, ideas, and products; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Council of Pacific Arts and Culture selects the host country based on
18 the principles of equitable opportunity, by rotating the Festival among nations that have never
19 hosted the event; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the first Festival was held in Fiji in 1972, followed by New Zealand in

1 1976, Papua New Guinea in 1980, French Polynesia in 1985, Australia in 1988, the Cook Islands
2 in 1992, Samoa in 1996, New Caledonia in 2000, Palau in 2004, American Samoa in 2008,
3 Solomon Islands in 2012, and Guam in 2016; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has finally been selected to host the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts in
5 2020, since Hawai'i delegations have attended every Festival since 1976; now, therefore

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the 35th General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island
7 Legislatures, *Hagåtña*, Guam, June 1-3, 2016 does hereby recognize and support Hawai'i as the
8 host of the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in Honolulu, Hawai'i, in 2020; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
10 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to
11 the Presiding Legislative Offices and Chief Executives of each member jurisdiction of the
12 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

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



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

