



# 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-22

**“Requesting the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to closely consult with the Former Presidents of the APIL in order to jointly prepare a detailed proposal to be released as an official presentation of the “Council of APIL Presidents” for consideration by the Board of Directors of the APIL at its next meeting, for the awarding of special APIL honors to those individuals, organizations and agencies who have demonstrated an extraordinary job in achieving the goals and aspirations of the APIL for economic growth and prosperity throughout the islands of the Blue Continent, which awards will be formally presented to the recipients thereof at each successive General Assembly of this organization in the years to come.”**

1       **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, at its 34<sup>th</sup> General Assembly,  
2       July 7-10, 2015, Island of Pohnpei, FSM, adopted 34-GA-09 whereby the General Assembly  
3       solemnly recognized and expressed our deep and abiding respect and pride in the continuing  
4       accomplishments of the Former Presidents of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures who  
5       carry the banner of the APIL, ensuring that the voice of APIL is heard in the centers of power and  
6       influence; and

7       **WHEREAS**, because it has always been the custom and practice of the APIL to rotate the  
8       presidency among the twelve member jurisdictions of the APIL, our organization has greatly  
9       benefited from the diversity, character and depth of these legislative leaders who have come to us  
10      from every corner of the Blue Continent, who have faithfully served the APIL in the Office of the  
11      President ever since the inception of our organization in 1981, and who remain committed to the  
12      mission of the APIL and continue to be the voices of APIL in the various paths of public service  
13      they have taken; and

14      **WHEREAS**, with these thoughts in mind, the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Association of  
15      Pacific Island Legislatures encouraged the Former Presidents of the APIL to join together in a  
16      Council of APIL Presidents through which these former officers can provide continuing advice,

1 guidance and prestige to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to its member legislative  
2 assemblies and the partner organizations that are sponsored by the APIL; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly went on to request that the APIL Board of  
4 Directors place on their agenda for consideration at the next Board meeting, an item concerning the  
5 formal recognition and placement of the Council of Presidents within the organizational structure of  
6 the APIL; and

7 **WHEREAS**, prior to the adoption of 35-GA-09, the Board of Directors of the Association  
8 of Pacific Island Legislatures at its 55<sup>th</sup> Board meeting in the State of Yap, December 3-5, 2014,  
9 called upon the Officers of the APIL, through the adoption of 55-BOD-05, to conduct a study and to  
10 develop a program for presentation at the next General Assembly of the APIL to enable the Office of  
11 the President of the APIL to issue recognition awards to those individuals, organizations, and  
12 agencies who have demonstrated an extraordinary job in achieving the goals and aspirations of the  
13 APIL, as exemplified through such actions as will forward the economic development of the region,  
14 preserve our unique ecosystems, or ensure the health, education, or welfare of our people; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the recently adopted resolutions as described above and  
16 cognizant of the continuing mission of the APIL to work together with the many other concerned  
17 entities and persons who are working tirelessly to advance the development of our islands and to  
18 ensure the welfare of our people, it is the sense of the General Assembly that the Council of  
19 Presidents, called for in 34-GA-09, is the most appropriate group within our organization to canvas  
20 the entire region and to identify those organizations, agencies and individuals who are most  
21 deserving of receiving an award from the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, as envisioned in  
22 55-BOD-5, honoring and respecting their contributions to the growth and welfare of the member  
23 jurisdictions of the APIL; now, therefore,

24 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35<sup>th</sup> General  
25 Assembly, Island of Guam, June 1-3, 2016, that this Assembly hereby requests the President of the  
26 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to closely consult with the Former Presidents of the APIL  
27 in order to jointly prepare a detailed proposal to be released as an official presentation of the  
28 “Council of APIL Presidents” for consideration by the Board of Directors of the APIL at its next  
29 meeting, for the awarding of special APIL honors to those individuals, organizations and agencies  
30 who have demonstrated an extraordinary job in achieving the goals and aspirations of the APIL for

1 economic growth and prosperity throughout the islands of the Blue Continent, which awards will be  
2 formally presented to the recipients thereof at each successive General Assembly of this organization  
3 in the years to come; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL  
5 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to each  
6 of the living Former Presidents of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to the Chief  
7 Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of  
8 Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2016.**

  
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**KENNETH A. KEDI**  
**PRESIDENT**

  
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**FERNANDO SCALIEM**  
**SECRETARY**

