



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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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. 36-GA-06

“Urging all member legislative assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to consider passing legislation on the protection of families from all forms of abuses.”

1 **WHEREAS**, as the custodians of the governments of our democratic societies in this region of
2 the world, the member legislative assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby
3 declare that we are fully committed to the protection of our families as it is the core value underlying
4 our respective cultures and societies; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures finds and declares that family
6 violence is a serious crime against society; the number of people who are regularly abused by family
7 members is unacceptably high; a significant number of women who are assaulted are pregnant;
8 victims of family violence come from all social and economic backgrounds and ethnic groups; spousal
9 abuse is often accompanied by child abuse; and that children, even when they are not themselves
10 physically assaulted, can suffer deep and lasting emotional effects from exposure to abuse and
11 violence within a family; and

12 **WHEREAS**, abuse of family including family violence is not limited to just the better known
13 physical violence, but can also be emotional, psychological, and spiritual and it is therefore the intent
14 of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to ensure the victims of family violence receive the
15 maximum protection under the law; now, therefore,

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 36th General Assembly,
17 Christmas Island, Republic of Kiribati, June 22-24, 2017, that the Association of Pacific Island
18 Legislatures hereby urges all member legislative assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island
19 Legislatures to consider passing legislation protecting families from all forms of abuses; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby
2 declares it is important to protect our Pacific families under the law; and

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017.


ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT


NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

