



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 37-GA-01

“Conveying the deepest sympathy and earnest condolences of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures on the passing of one of FSM’s foremost leaders, the late Honorable President Leo A. Falcam.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the late President Leo A. Falcam was commonly referred to as “the
2 veteran,” since he had been one of the FSM’s founding fathers and framers of the Constitution,
3 he also served as a beacon for the entire Pacific region, in light of the tireless work he
4 undertook on behalf of the entire Pacific Region, in terms of the many issues facing our
5 emerging governments; and

6 **WHEREAS**, among the many accomplishments during his storied career, in January
7 2001, the late President Leo A. Falcam was elected Chairman of the Standing Committee for
8 the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders, which was comprised of twenty-one Pacific Island
9 Nations and in this capacity was ever-vigilant in his quest to foster regional cooperation and
10 coordination, with an eye toward assisting the respective governments achieve their goals and
11 objectives; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late President Leo A. Falcam dedicated his entire life to championing
13 the rights of the Pacific Region and encouraged our communities to work in a collaborative
14 fashion to address matters of mutual concern; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the late President Leo A. Falcam additionally tackled issues concerning
16 our regional security and defense, by virtue of having signed the International Convention for
17 the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism on behalf of the FSM in November of 2000,
18 which exhibited his unqualified commitment to the international effort to combat terrorism in
19 the entire Pacific Region; and

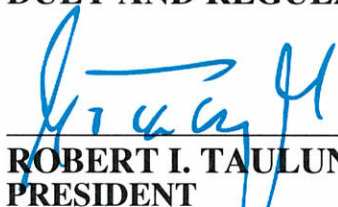
1 **WHEREAS**, the APIL commemorates the selfless acts of the late President Leo A.
2 Falcam on behalf of the Pacific Region, as he was unquestionably a driving force behind the
3 exchange of ideas, along with assistance, amongst our various communities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, APIL joins all citizens throughout the Pacific Region in mourning the
5 loss of this truly remarkable leader who set an example, in terms of successfully addressing
6 matters of mutual interest in the region when we all commit to work in a cooperative spirit;
7 now, therefore,


8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 37th General
9 Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, June 26-29, 2018, that the APIL hereby conveys its deepest
10 sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late President
11 Leo A. Falcam; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
13 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and copies of the same be transmitted
14 to the family of the late President Leo A. Falcam and to the Chief Executives and
15 Presiding Legislative Officers of the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific
16 Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 28TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

