



## 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

#### Resolution No. 38- GA-17

**“Honoring the life, mourning the passing, and expressing the grief of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures over the tragic calling to rest of our esteemed and revered President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem from the State of Pohnpei, to his wife, Senator Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem, his family and the people of Pohnpei.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, a tragic revelation of our Heavenly Father came into light on May  
2   30<sup>th</sup> 2019, saddening the hearts of the Members of the Association of Pacific Island  
3   Legislatures; and

4           **WHEREAS**, this sudden revelation called out the breath of life of one of the  
5   shining stars of the APIL and a colleague of all of us, the late President of the Association  
6   of Pacific Island Legislatures, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem, who suddenly passed  
7   away from among our midst at the age 58; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the passing of our former APIL President also took the life and the  
9   service of this revered statesman from the Speakership of the Pohnpei Legislature, but,  
10   fortunately, his presence in the Legislative Chamber has now been replaced by that of his  
11   loving wife, the Honorable Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem, who is rising up to embrace the  
12   challenges of continuing the legacy of her late husband; and

13          **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem received his formal education  
14   in Pohnpei, graduating from Our Lady of Mercy School in 1974; then he received his  
15   diploma of completion from the Pohnpei Island Central School in 1978; and afterwards  
16   received his Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies from Hartnell College in  
17   California; and

1       **WHEREAS**, after the completion of his formal schooling, the late Honorable  
2 Fernando Scaliem began his career in the field of education and dedicated his outstanding  
3 services as the Assistant Coordinator for the Continuing Education Division of the College  
4 of Micronesia, a position he held until January 1996; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem began his career as a maker of law  
6 and policy when he was elected to the Kolonia Town Council in 1989, where he was  
7 chosen as Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Relations; and

8       **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Fernando Scaliem once again received the blessing of  
9 the people of Kolonia Town when he ran for a seat in the Pohnpei Legislature in 1995 and  
10 was officially seated in the Fourth Pohnpei Legislature on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1996; and

11       **WHEREAS**, in his first term with the Legislature, the late Honorable Fernando  
12 Scaliem was appointed from among his colleagues to the Chairmanship for the Committee  
13 on Public Works, Transportation, and Communication, during which time period, a  
14 multitude of public works projects were being implemented by new and untried public  
15 corporations for utilities production and distribution and for air and seaport services that  
16 had just recently been established by Pohnpei law; and

17       **WHEREAS**, despite the uncertainty as to how these new public corporations were  
18 to be operated, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem did not shy away from his  
19 Committee's supervisory authority and used his keen intellect to oversee the smooth  
20 transition of these two essential public services from mere departmental status to fully  
21 functional corporate operations, and he also used his keen intellect to ensure the proper  
22 implementation of the projects entrusted to these new entities; and

23       **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem captured the respect of his  
24 peers in the Pohnpei Legislature through demonstrating a character of endurance in his  
25 early days in the Legislature and exhibiting a mastering of the rules and procedures  
26 required of such an Assembly, and because of their confidence in him, his colleagues of

1 the Fifth Pohnpei Legislature seated him as the Parliamentarian/Floor Leader in January  
2 2002, an office which he continued to hold until January 2011; and

3 **WHEREAS**, as Parliamentarian/Floor Leader, the late Honorable Fernando  
4 Scaliem ensured that deliberations on the floor remained focused and diplomatic, despite  
5 the Senators' abundant differences of opinions; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in January 2012, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was  
7 nominated by his peers of the Eighth Pohnpei Legislature to become the Vice Speaker of  
8 that Legislature; and

9 **WHEREAS**, just two years later, in January of 2014, with the reorganization of  
10 the same Legislature, the late Honorable Fernando became Speaker of the Eighth Pohnpei  
11 Legislature; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was chosen by his peers again  
13 in January of 2016 to assume the highest office in the Ninth Pohnpei Legislature, and he  
14 continued to serve as the Speaker of the Ninth Pohnpei Legislature until his unexpected  
15 death; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as a well respected and tenured member of the Pohnpei Legislature,  
17 with much legislative experience under his belt, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was  
18 appointed to represent the Pohnpei Legislature in the Board of Directors of the  
19 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

20 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,  
21 the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem became the longest serving member of the APIL to  
22 hold leadership positions in our Association, having served six full terms as the Treasurer,  
23 Secretary and Vice President of the APIL; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in January of 2019, the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem was elected  
25 by the representatives of the parliaments and legislative assemblies all across our region of

1 the Pacific to be the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, a position  
2 that he enthusiastically held until his untimely passing; and

3       **WHEREAS**, during his long and memorable tenure with the APIL, the late  
4 Honorable Fernando Scaliem fostered friendship and amicability among the membership  
5 of our Association, making the many challenges affecting the APIL Member Jurisdictions  
6 capable of being more easily understood, more swiftly met and more readily overcome;  
7 and

8       **WHEREAS**, also during his long and illustrious tenure with the APIL, we saw the  
9 creation of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, the establishment of the sister  
10 relationship with the Micronesian Conservation Trust, the formation of the AYUDA  
11 Foundation, and the advancement of so many other programs through which the people of  
12 the APIL Pacific have received and will continue to receive great benefit; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the contributions of the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem to the  
14 development of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures and the example of his  
15 leadership approach to matters of regional concern is and will remain an inspiration to all  
16 of us who were his colleagues and to all those who will seek to follow in his footsteps; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the life of the late Honorable Fernando Scaliem exemplified one of  
18 dignity, integrity, respect, valor, and selfless dedication, for he was exacting in all that he  
19 did and remained true to the principles which led him into the realms of the political  
20 world; and

21       **WHEREAS**, the members of APIL are deeply cognizant that we have lost a truly  
22 talented member with a sharp, but understanding political mind; and

23       **WHEREAS**, the tragic passing of the late President of the APIL, the Honorable  
24 Fernando Scaliem, will be widely mourned throughout Micronesia, the Pacific Region and  
25 beyond; now, therefore,

1           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, 38<sup>th</sup>  
2   General Assembly, July 23-26, 2019, Republic of the Marshall Islands, hereby  
3   unanimously adopts this resolution honoring the life, mourning the passing, and  
4   expressing the grief of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures over the sudden and  
5   tragic calling from this earthly life of our esteemed and revered APIL President, the late  
6   Honorable Fernando Scaliem, to his wife, Senator Mayleen Shoniber Scaliem, to his  
7   family and to the people of Pohnpei; and

8           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the  
9   APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and copies of the same shall be  
10   transmitted to the wife and family of the late President of APIL, the Honorable Fernando  
11   Scaliem, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member  
12   Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019.**

  
**NELSON STEPHEN**  
**ACTING PRESIDENT**

  
**IVAN A. BLANCO**  
**SECRETARY**

