



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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FSM, State of Chuuk
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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. 39-GA-01

“Expressing the sincere appreciation to Senator Glenn Wakai of the State of Hawai’i for his invaluable contributions and support for peoples in need throughout the APIL Pacific, especially the Republic of Palau and her citizens.

1 **WHEREAS**, Senator Glenn Wakai is no stranger to the delegates to this General
2 Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures as he has been an active member
3 of our Board of Directors for longer than most all of us can remember; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Senator Glenn Wakai began his adult life with a career in television
5 working as a reporter and anchor in Guam and Saipan, and later back in his home state of
6 Hawai’i; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after 11 years in the television news reporting, Senator Glenn Wakai
8 decided to pursue his passion for public service; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in November 2002, Senator Glenn Wakai was elected to the Hawai’i
10 State House of Representatives and was re-elected in 2004, 2006 and 2008; and

11 **WHEREAS**, following eight years in the State House of Representatives, in 2010,
12 Senator Glenn Wakai was elected as Hawai’i State Senator, representing District 15, which
13 includes Kalihi, Mapunapuna, Airport, Salt Lake, Aliamanu, Foster Village, Hickam, Pearl
14 Harbor, the public office in the Hawai’i State Government he still holds today; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his full-time career in elective office, Senator Glenn
16 Wakai has created and runs a non-profit organization, Reach out Pacific (REPAC), that
17 collects and distributes surplus supplies from public and private institutions in Hawai’i in
18 order to improve healthcare and education in the Micronesian region; and

19 **WHEREAS**, over its many years of operation, REPAC has provided over
20 \$750,000 dollars-worth of medical supplies (pharmaceutical items, ventilators, nebulizers,

1 crutches, linens, hospital gowns), educational supplies (books, computers), office furniture
2 and supplies (bookshelves, filing cabinets), toys (stuffed animals) and industrial kitchen
3 equipment to island communities in need throughout the APIL Pacific including the islands
4 of the four FSM States, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of
5 the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and American Samoa; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Senator Glenn Wakai, in July 2013, was appointed Palau’s Honorary
7 Consul-General by then Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr., and a position in which
8 Senator Wakai accepted with honor saying, “.... I aim to empower the Palauan community
9 in Hawaii. I have already organized meetings with their local leaders to map out a game
10 plan for more community involvement and creation of individual success stories. This new
11 relationship between Palau and Hawai’i will lead to Better Days in the Pacific.”; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Senator Glenn Wakai served as Palau’s Honorary Consul-General for
13 seven years under President Remengesau’s administration, and in November of 2021, now
14 President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr. extended Senator Glenn Wakai’s appointment as
15 Honorary Consul-General for the next four years until the end of his administration of
16 January 2025; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this past February 2022, Senator Glenn Wakai and his SWAT
18 (Senator Wakai’s Action Team) generously donated containers with boxes full of books to
19 Palau, which was sorted and distributed to all the public schools and libraries in Palau for
20 our students and library patrons; and

21 **WHEREAS**, when combined together: (1) Senator Glenn Wakai’s early years
22 working as a media reporter in the islands of Micronesia, (2) his public service in serving
23 as a Representative and Senator in the Hawai’i Legislature, (3) his active membership in
24 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and (4) his sponsoring and work with NGO’s
25 throughout our region of the world, these acts of statesmanship stand out as examples of
26 the admirable qualities of leadership that we all are in need of emulating in our own
27 attempts to serve the islands and people of the APIL Pacific; now, therefore,

28 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 39th General
29 Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14, 2022, that the Association of Pacific
30 Island Legislatures hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Senator Glenn Wakai of

1 the State of Hawai'i for his invaluable contributions and support for peoples in need
2 throughout the APIL Pacific, especially the Republic of Palau and her citizens; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
4 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
5 transmitted to Senator Glenn Wakai, and to the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative
6 Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.



SHELTEN G. NETH
PRESIDENT



VINNIE V. F. SABLAN
SECRETARY

