



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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FSM, State of Pohnpei
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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. 39-GA-11

“Extending deepest and most sincere congratulations to the Honorable Aren B. Palik on your election to the Office of the Ninth Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Aren B. Palik, the newly elected Vice-President of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, came to this esteemed public office with a notable academic
3 background in finances, having graduated with honors from University of Delaware, Stonier
4 Graduate School of Banking; and

5 **WHEREAS**, throughout his career in the field of finance, the Honorable Vice-
6 President Palik held many positions of fiscal responsibility from Planner and Economist for
7 the Kosrae State, to serving as the Vice-President of the FSM Development Bank and later
8 holding positions of considerable importance in the FSM Commercial Bank, the Bank of
9 Hawaii and most recently the Pacific Islands Development Bank; and

10 **WHEREAS**, we are especially proud of the Honorable Vice-President Palik’s service
11 as President and CEO of the Pacific Islands Development Bank as this Pacific-wide financial
12 institution can trace its foundational roots to the pioneering efforts of the Association of Pacific
13 Island Legislatures itself; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2019, the Honorable Aren B. Palik was elected by the citizens of
15 the FSM State of Kosrae to serve as their four-year representative in the 21st and 22nd
16 Congresses of the Federated States of Micronesia where he held the positions of Vice Chair on
17 both the Congressional Committee on Education and the Congressional Committee on
18 Resources & Development; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2022, following the tragic death of the late Honorable
20 Vice President Yosiwo P. George who had fallen victim to the COVID-19 pandemic and
21 following the decision of the 22nd Congress to fill the vacancy in the late Vice-President’s

position, FSM Congress Senator Aren B. Palik of the State of Kosrae, was sworn in as the Ninth Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia, an event that was witnessed both by national and state officials gathered at the swearing in ceremony at the capitol grounds in Palikir and by viewers here and around the world via the internet; and

WHEREAS, those of us in the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures find inspiration in the delivery of his acceptance address for the second highest public office in the FSM Government where the newly sworn-in Vice-President proclaimed, *“as a public servant, and we are all public servants, we must be prepared to sacrifice and do our part to ensure unity in our nation for a smooth and uninterrupted operation in our government.”*; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 39th General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14, 2022, that this Assembly hereby extends to you, the Honorable Vice-President Aren B. Palik, our deepest and most sincere congratulations on your selection by the 22nd Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to serve as the Ninth Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Honorable Aren B. Palik, Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia, to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, to the Speaker of the 22nd Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and to the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of the Member Jurisdictions 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

