



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

APIL Resolution No. 39-GA-16

“Expressing appreciation that each and every one of the APIL member countries have become signatories to the Paris Agreement of 2015 and challenging our island governments to be ever vigilant, not only in meeting the climate goals and objectives of the Paris Agreement, but to arduously campaign for stronger commitment among the global community to fight global warming.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement, often referred to as the Paris Climate
2 Accords, is an international treaty on climate change, negotiated by 196 parties at
3 the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference near Paris, France; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement aims to mitigate the adverse effects of
5 global warming that is encompassing our world and to help countries adapt to
6 climate these adverse environmental effects; and

7 **WHEREAS**, under the Paris Agreement, each country must determine, plan,
8 and regularly report on its contributions in the world-wide effort to overcome the
9 adverse effects of climate change; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement was open for signatures on the 22nd of
11 April of 2016 at which time the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall
12 Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau and the United
13 States of America all became signatories to the Agreement; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures takes pride in the
15 fact that prominent island spokesmen and spokeswoman from within the APIL
16 Pacific, most especially the late RMI Foreign Minister Tony DeBrum, played
17 crucial roles in the negotiations and in forming the contents of the Paris Agreement;
18 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures recognizes that
2 while the Paris Agreement marks a milestone in the developed world's acceptance
3 of their polluting practices that made the Agreement necessary, many objectives
4 forwarded by our island nations have yet to be incorporated into the Agreement; and

5 **WHEREAS**, over the last four decades of the APIL's existence, the
6 preservation and conservation of the environments of our islands and the adverse
7 effects of global warming on our islands, our seas and our lives have consistently
8 been very high priorities for our organization; and

9 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated
10 States of Micronesia, in his opening remarks before this, the 39th General Assembly
11 of our organization, emphasized the importance of the Paris Agreement for each of
12 our island jurisdictions and urged the delegates to utilize our unique status in the
13 world to encourage other countries, not yet signatories to the Paris Agreement, to
14 join in our efforts to combat climate change on a global scale; now, therefore,

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,
16 39th General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14, 2022, that this
17 General Assembly hereby expresses its deep appreciation that each and every one
18 of the APIL member countries have become signatories to the Paris Agreement of
19 2015, and hereby challenges each and every one of our island governments to be
20 ever vigilant, not only in meeting the climate goals and objectives of the current
21 agreement, but to arduously campaign for stronger commitment among the global
22 community to fight global warming for we all need to constantly strive for more
23 encompassing adherents to the Agreement and for improved provisions in this
24 important Agreement and the many international conventions, accords and
25 protocols surrounding the goals and objectives of the Agreement; and

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

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



SHELTEN G. NETH
PRESIDENT



VINNIE V. F. SABLAN
SECRETARY

