



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 39-GA-20

“Respectfully calling upon the Health Services Departments of our respective APIL Governments to place a priority on the rehabilitation of our people who have fallen victims to the long-term effects of the COVID-19 virus infections that have scourged the islands of the APIL Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the theme of this year’s General Assembly is “Health is
2 Wealth: Social and Economic Well-Being of the APIL Pacific Community”;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, with this theme foremost in mind, the COVID-19
5 pandemic has naturally been a subject of intense discussion during the
6 Assembly sessions, receptions and gatherings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the delegates to the 39th General Assembly are all
8 grateful for the efforts of their individual island governments, emergency
9 response squads and medical alert teams to protect, quarantine and isolate
10 our people from the threat of COVID infection as well as the prompt action
11 by our hospital staffs who have been able to provide effective treatment for
12 those unfortunate individuals who have succumbed to the illness; and

13 **WHEREAS**, we are especially thankful for the generous assistance
14 provided to our governments and our people by our neighboring countries,
15 international organizations and NGO’s in our collective efforts to overcome
16 the devastating impacts of this deadly disease; and

1 **WHEREAS**, while we can acknowledge that the programs for
2 universal vaccinations and other protective measures are substantially
3 reducing the threats of infection within our island populations and that the
4 introduction of new medicines are helping us treat the symptoms of this
5 deadly disease, we must also acknowledge the long-term effects of this
6 disease on those who have unfortunately fallen victim to its ravages; and

7 **WHEREAS**, it is our understanding that even after COVID-19
8 patients have been released from the hospital, many of the victims of the
9 COVID virus infection continue to experience neurological symptoms and
10 other adverse health conditions, including joint and muscle pain, difficulty
11 thinking or concentrating, headaches, sleep problems, dizziness, pins-and-
12 needles feelings, loss of smell or taste, depression and anxiety; but

13 **WHEREAS**, since we in this General Assembly have throughout this
14 meeting proclaimed in proud terms that *Health is Wealth* and that the
15 “health” of our people is essential for their social and economic well-being,
16 it is the sense of the delegates to this General Assembly of the Association
17 of Pacific Island Legislatures that those who have succumbed to the ravages
18 of the COVID disease will not be able to truly return to normal life until the
19 long term effects of their disease have been fully identified, documented and
20 treated; now, therefore,

21 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island
22 Legislatures, 39th General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-
23 14, 2022, that this Assembly respectfully calls upon the Health Services
24 Departments of our respective APIL Governments to place a priority on
25 the rehabilitation of our people who have fallen victims to the long-term
26 effects of the COVID-19 virus infections that have scourged the islands of
27 the APIL Pacific; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall
2 certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and
3 that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chief Executive and
4 Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the
5 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and to the directing officials of our
6 governmental Health Services Departments.

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



SHELTEN G. NETH
PRESIDENT



VINNIE V. F. SABLAN
SECRETARY

