



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Republic of Kiribati  
Republic of the Marshall Islands  
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## A RESOLUTION

### APIL Resolution No. 39-GA-21

**“Commending and honoring, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Mr. Bligh John Madris for becoming the first Palauan to join the United States Major League Baseball as a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates; and extending best wishes for continued health and success.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bligh John Madris was born on February 29, 1996 in  
2 Henderson, Nevada to Mr. One style Madris and Mrs. Kimberly Madris; and

3           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bligh John Madris attended Foothill High  
4 School in Nevada, where he participated in baseball, basketball, and tennis; and

5           **WHEREAS**, during his high school years on the school’s baseball team, Mr.  
6 Bligh John Madris received many awards and special accommodations and set  
7 several records that have held up to this day; and

8           **WHEREAS**, after graduating from Foothill High School in 2014, Mr. Bligh  
9 John Madris accepted a baseball scholarship to play at Colorado Mesa University  
10 in Grand Junction, Colorado, where he continued to excel on the baseball diamond  
11 earning many awards and recognitions despite having suffered from a serious game  
12 injury during his college career; and

13           **WHEREAS**, while attending college, Mr. Bligh John Madris was not only  
14 an accomplished athlete, but he also generously shared his talent with those less  
15 fortunate by volunteering with the Challenger Baseball Program; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bligh John Madris began his professional baseball career  
17 in 2017, upon being drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and starting off with the minor  
18 leagues and with even a stint with a professional baseball team in Australia; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2022, Mr. Bligh John Madris made his debut in the  
2 Major Leagues as a Right-Fielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates, the team with which he  
3 continues his run of successes in the professional game of baseball; and

4           **WHEREAS**, when asked about her son's career, Kimberly Madris  
5 thoughtfully explained that her son has been good in flying under the radar, but his  
6 performance and accomplishments cannot be ignored; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Bligh John Madris' mother then proclaimed in the  
8 interview that at almost every game that they have attended, a Palauan always there  
9 to cheer her son on; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the APIL has been apprised that Mr. Bligh John Madris is the  
11 first MLB Player of Palauan decent in the history of a nearly 100 year-old league,  
12 and it is a reflection of Palau's passion for baseball, the introduction of which is  
13 generally traced back to the Japanese occupation in the early-to-mid 20th century;  
14 and

15           **WHERAS**, the General Assembly of the APIL is of the mind that Mr. Bligh  
16 John Madris is a testament for any type of sport our young people may wish to  
17 pursue, and that with hard work, commitment and passion, nothing is impossible for  
18 our youth; so


19           **WHEREAS**, let it now be loudly and enthusiastically proclaimed by all of  
20 us delegates gathered here at the 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Association of  
21 Pacific Island Legislatures, that you --- "Baseball Champion Bligh John Madris" --  
22 are an inspiration for every Micronesian boy and girl who has ever swung a bat or  
23 thrown a ball; now, therefore,

24           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,  
25 39<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14, 2022, that this  
26 General Assembly hereby commends with highest praise Mr. Bligh John Madris, a  
27 Palauan son, for your athletic accomplishments in the field of baseball, and extend  
28 to you our best wishes for your continued health and success in the years to come;  
29 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 Mr. Bligh John Madris; baseball player  
4   extraordinaire, and to Mr. Onestyle Madris and Mrs. Kimberly Madris; to the  
5   President of the Republic of Palau; to the President of the Senate of the Olbiil Era  
6   Kelulau; to the Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Olbiil Era Kelulau and to  
7   the Chief Executive and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member  
8   jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.**

  
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**SHELTEN G. NETH**  
**PRESIDENT**

  
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**VINNIE V. F. SABLAN**  
**SECRETARY**

