



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 39-GA-24

“Conveying heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the late Palauan Senator and former Member of the Board of Directors of the APIL, the Honorable Regis Akitaya, for his untimely passing, and to memorialize his public services and contributions to the Republic of Palau and to the APIL Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya, Palauan Senator and
2 APIL Board Member, was born on July 9, 1959 to Ebil Hilaria M. Akitaya
3 and the late Dib Mathias Toshiwo Akitaya; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya began his political
5 journey by his election to the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, motivated by
6 his passion, commitment to public service, and his belief that being a member
7 of the Senate would enable him to make a positive difference in the lives of
8 Palauans; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya was re-elected to four
10 consecutive terms as a member of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

11 **WHEREAS**, with his education and work experience, the late
12 Honorable Regis Akitaya became the Senate’s in-house engineer during his
13 tenure as a Senator; he provided the expertise and invaluable insight in the
14 Senate’s deliberations on legislation, issues, challenges, and matters related to
15 public utilities (electricity, water, and sewer), infrastructure, and others; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya was a champion for the
17 youth, especially in sports, for he served as a member of the Palau National

1 Olympic Committee from 2013 to 2016, President of the Palau Track and
2 Field Association since 2009, and the Team Palau Chef de Mission of the
3 2010 Micronesian Games hosted by Palau; and

4 **WHEREAS**, empathy was one of the late Honorable Regis Akitaya's
5 values, and he embodied it in his personal life and during his tenure as a
6 Senator, and he started a program to designate a place as the venue for
7 Independence Day Celebrations for the elderly and disabled; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya faithfully served as an
9 active Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
10 Legislatures and contributed mightily to the accomplishments of our
11 Association; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya's service to the
13 Republic of Palau and the APIL Pacific, with consistent forward thinking and
14 service and with humility, dignity, and passion in all his endeavors, was
15 instrumental to the lives and wellbeing of innumerable Palauans and
16 Micronesians; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya will forever be
18 remembered as a true inspiration and example of upstanding citizenry, with
19 all the qualities and characteristics of a citizen dedicated to making a positive
20 impact on our APIL communities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Regis Akitaya was called to his eternal rest
22 on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at the age of 63; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,
2 39th General Assembly, FSM State of Pohnpei, October 12-14, 2022, that this
3 General Assembly hereby conveys heartfelt sympathies and condolences to
4 the family, relatives, and friends of the late Honorable Regis Akitaya for his
5 untimely passing, and to memorialize his public services and contributions to
6 the Republic of Palau and the APIL Pacific; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify
8 and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same shall be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Maria Leena Basilius Akitaya;
10 to His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau;
11 to the Honorable Hokkons Baules, President of the Senate of the Eleventh
12 Olbiil Era Kelulau; and to the Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the
13 House of Delegates and to the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member
14 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.



SHELTEN G. NETH
PRESIDENT



VINNIE V. F. SABLAN
SECRETARY

