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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 40-GA -04

“Expressing the deepest compassions and concerns of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the people of Maui, Hawaii who have suffered severely from the devastating effects of the Lahaina wildfire.”

1 **WHEREAS**, a series of wildfires have burned parts of the Maui, State of Hawaii,
2 in the United States of America, in August 2023 at the height of Hawaii’s dry season; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the fires which began on August 8, 2023 struck the hardest in the
4 historic resort town of Lahaina, on Maui’s western peninsula, reducing most of the town to
5 ash and ruins; and

6 **WHEREAS**, such a catastrophe led to the death of approximately 98 people by the
7 smoke and flames or by drowning; and

8 **WHEREAS**, almost 3,000 structures are reported to have been either damaged or
9 destroyed by the fire; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the fires on Maui, a series of less devastating wildfires
11 burned parts of the island of Hawaii starting on August 9, 2023; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the wildfire which began on August 8, 2023 was labeled as the worst
13 wildfire recorded in Hawaiian history; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the fire near Lahaina, a municipality of approximately 12,702 people,
15 began as a small brush fire in the early morning of August 8, 2023, and was considered to
16 have been contained by midmorning, but flared up during mid-afternoon; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the whole of the Pacific Region was saddened and have mourned for
18 the people of Hawaii, specifically the people of Maui; now, therefore,

19 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 40th General
20 Assembly, State of Chuuk, October 18-20, 2023, that this Assembly hereby extends our

1 deepest compassion and concern to the people of Maui, Hawaii who have suffered greatly
2 from the devastating effects of the wildfire; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that most importantly, the APIL General
4 Assembly is impressed to learn of Maui's determination in rebuilding its town and
5 rebuilding the people's spirit in striving to move forward considering the recent calamity
6 that has unfolded; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
8 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
9 transmitted to the Governor and Legislature Speaker of the State of Hawaii, to the Mayor
10 of Maui County, and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the
11 APIL Member jurisdictions and to such other officials and entities the APIL President, in
12 consultation with the leaders of Maui, Hawaii and the Town of Lahaina deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.



NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT



TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY

