



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.40-GA-16

“Encouraging members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to join the Pacific Islands Parliament Group.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is comprised of
2 twelve members: American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
3 Islands, the four States of the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae,
4 Pohnpei, and Yap), the U.S. Territory of Guam, the Republic of the Marshall
5 Islands, the Republic of Palau, the State of Hawaii, the Republic of Kiribati, and
6 the Republic of Nauru; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Parliament Group is comprised of eighteen
8 members, which include the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures members of
9 American Samoa, the State of Hawaii, and the Republic of Palau; and

10 **WHEREAS**, both organizations share a similar mission and vision to
11 promote unity among island legislatures and the governments of the Pacific to
12 tackle the pressing issues facing the Pacific Islands; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Parliament Group has the goals to
14 participate in the promotion of Pacific identity, culture and language; to contribute
15 to a better knowledge of the functioning of the representative institutions and the
16 strengthening and development of their means of action; to promote the role of
17 Gender Equity in Pacific institutions; and to discuss issues of common interest;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, regional cooperation is essential to the Blue Economy and
20 support for the projects of APIL member jurisdictions, such as Palau’s marine
21 spatial planning initiative and the Federated States of Micronesia’s Blue Prosperity
22 Micronesia, and is vital for economic growth and preservation of natural resources
23 in the Pacific; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Parliament Group meets each year to discuss
25 common issues and share their knowledge and experiences to create a Blue
26 Economy Knowledge Hub; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau has been honored with the responsibility
2 to organize and host the 2024 Pacific Islands Parliament Group conference; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau would be pleased to host members of the
4 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that choose to join the Pacific Islands
5 Parliament Group; now, therefore,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 40th
7 General Assembly, FSM State of Chuuk, October 18-20, 2023, that the
8 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby encourages members of the
9 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to join the Pacific Islands Parliament
10 Group; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
12 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
13 shall be thereafter transmitted to the Chief Executive and Legislative Presiding
14 Officers of each member jurisdiction of the APIL.

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



NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT



TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY

