



# 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-17

**Urging the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures to submit a proposal for obtaining Observer Status within the Pacific Islands Forum”**

1       **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) serves as a crucial organization  
2       promoting cooperation, unity, and development among Pacific Island nations; and

3       **WHEREAS**, the current structure of the PIF primarily consists of the leaders  
4       of the Pacific Island nations in their executive capacity; however, it does not  
5       possess a legislative body, limiting the ability to promote transparency,  
6       accountability, and inclusive decision-making; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)  
8       comprises elected representatives from the legislatures of several Pacific Island  
9       nations, making it a representative body well-versed in the concerns and needs of  
10      the region; and

11      **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Pacific Island nations to have a  
12      strong and inclusive regional organization that can effectively address regional  
13      challenges, coordinate policies, and promote sustainable development and  
14      cooperation; now, therefore,

15      **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 40<sup>th</sup>  
16      General Assembly, FSM State of Chuuk, October 18-20, 2023 that the APIL  
17      President, Secretary, and the Central Secretariat are hereby tasked with forming a  
18      sub-committee to explore the potential for APIL to gain official observer status

1 within the Pacific Islands Forum and to present their findings to the Association  
2 during the upcoming APIL Board of Directors meeting; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL expresses its support for  
4 this proposal and will outline the benefits and advantages of this designation,  
5 including the enhancement of regional collaboration and the promotion of the  
6 Pacific Island nations' common goals; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Assembly, hereby adopts this  
8 resolution as a stepping-stone for the progress of the APIL; and

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

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**



**NELSON STEPHEN**  
**PRESIDENT**



**TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE**  
**SECRETARY**

