



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. 41-GA-05

“Calling upon the Development Partners of the Pacific and the Pacific Islands Development Bank to assist the APIL member jurisdictions in exploring the establishment of an institutional mechanism to sustainably address capacity building challenges facing the development of the Pacific Region.”

1 **WHEREAS**, development partners such as the Asian Development Bank, the World
2 Bank, the United Nations Development Program and the Japan International Cooperation
3 Agency, as well as the Pacific Islands Development Bank, play a crucial role in
4 contributing to the development agenda of the Pacific Islands; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a significant portion of public expenditure on the development agenda
6 of the Pacific Islands is supported by these donor entities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the focus of these donor-funded development projects includes
8 transportation, energy, climate change, communications, health, education, the
9 environment, and a host of other sectors that are critical to the economic development of
10 APIL members; and

11 **WHEREAS**, members of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures are
12 experiencing weak and limited institutional capacity within these eras of donor-funded
13 development projects; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the lack of qualified and skilled professionals contributes to disrupting
15 critical development and negatively impacts the economic development of the region; now,
16 therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 41st General
2 Assembly, Republic of Palau, August 12-13, 2024, that the members of the Association of
3 Pacific Island Legislatures hereby call upon the Development Partners of the Pacific and
4 the Pacific Islands Development Bank to assist the APIL member jurisdictions in exploring
5 the establishment of an institutional mechanism to sustainably address capacity building
6 challenges facing the development of the Pacific Region; and
7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
8 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be transmitted
9 to the chief executive officers of the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, the United
10 Nations Development Program, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Pacific
11 Island Development Bank, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers
12 of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures for the
13 sharing thereof with the appropriate departments and agencies of the member jurisdiction
14 governments of the APIL.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 13TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024.


EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
ACTING PRESIDENT


VICTOR BAMOG
ACTING SECRETARY

