



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
FSM, State of Chuuk  
FSM, State of Kosrae  
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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. 42-GA-04

**“Urging member states of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to cooperate in combating the use and trafficking of illegal drugs through enhanced border security, law enforcement training, and rehabilitation programs.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, the increasing prevalence of illegal drugs poses a serious threat  
2     to the health, safety, and well-being of the peoples of the Pacific Islands; and

3           **WHEREAS**, illegal drug activities undermine social stability, economic  
4     productivity, and the moral integrity of communities across the region; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the trafficking of illegal drugs often exploits the geographic  
6     vulnerabilities and limited resources of small island jurisdictions; and

7           **WHEREAS**, effective prevention and control of illegal drug trafficking  
8     require close cooperation, information sharing, and joint capacity-building among  
9     all Member States of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

10          **WHEREAS**, strengthening border control and improving the training of  
11     police, customs, immigration, and postal inspection officers are critical to  
12     preventing the entry and spread of illegal drugs; and

13          **WHEREAS**, the use of modern technologies to monitor and track incoming  
14     shipments at all ports of entry -- including airports, seaports, and postal facilities --  
15     is vital to identifying and intercepting illegal substances; and

16          **WHEREAS**, the creation of accessible and effective drug rehabilitation and  
17     reintegration programs is essential to the recovery, healing, and reintegration of  
18     individuals affected by substance abuse; now, therefore,

19          **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that  
20     all Member States are urged to:


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- 1           1. Work cooperatively to combat the use, trafficking, and distribution of
  - 2           illegal drugs within and among Member States;
  - 3           2. Strengthen border control measures at all ports of entry, including
  - 4           airports, seaports, and postal facilities;
  - 5           3. Enhance training programs for police officers, K-9 officers, customs
  - 6           officers, biosecurity officers, coastal fisheries officers, immigration
  - 7           officers, and postal inspectors on the use of modern technologies and
  - 8           investigative methods to detect and intercept illegal drugs;
  - 9           4. Share intelligence, information, and best practices among Member
  - 10          States to improve regional enforcement coordination; and
  - 11          5. Develop and maintain rehabilitation programs to assist individuals
  - 12          affected by drug addiction and support their reintegration into society.

13           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 42nd  
14   General Assembly on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,  
15   October 28-29, 2025, that the members of the Association of the Pacific Island  
16   Legislatures, hereby urges member states of the Association of Pacific Island  
17   Legislatures to cooperate in combating the use and trafficking of illegal drugs  
18   through enhanced border security, law enforcement training, and rehabilitation  
19   programs; and

20           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that APIL President shall certify, and the  
21   APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall  
22   be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Terrance C. “Terry” Cole, Administrator of the  
23   United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); to the Honorable Doug  
24   Burgum, Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior (DOI); to the

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- 1 Honorable Kimberly K. King-Hinds, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
2 Islands' Delegate to the U.S. Congress; to the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam's  
3 Delegate to the U.S. Congress; and to the Chief Executive and Legislative Presiding  
4 Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island  
5 Legislatures (APIL).

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.**

  
**EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ**  
**PRESIDENT**

  
**VICTOR BAMOG**  
**SECRETARY**

