



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

Resolution No. 53-BOD-14

“Expressing the sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the Honorable Rebluud Kesolei for his outstanding leadership during his two consecutive terms as the President of this Association.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Rebluud Kesolei, Delegate of the National
2 Congress of Palau (OEK), and long term representative of the Republic of Palau in
3 the APIL, served as the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
4 from October 2010 through December 2012; and

5 **WHEREAS**, during the period that former President Kesolei was at the helm
6 of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the APIL embarked on a number of
7 new and groundbreaking initiatives; and

8 **WHEREAS**, high among the many accomplishments that the APIL achieved
9 during the tenure of former President Kesolei, the Association became a decisive
10 advocate in the campaign to reduce the rising epidemic of non-communicable
11 diseases among the peoples of the APIL Pacific, it took on the initiative to create the
12 largest shark sanctuary in the world through a combination of the ocean exclusive
13 economic zones of the APIL member countries as well as pressing for bans on shark
14 fins transiting the ports and being served in the restaurants of the APIL islands, it
15 promoted the development and integration of internet services throughout the region
16 through the deployment of novel concepts such as the “Blue Continent,” and it
17 became a firm spokesman to gain the respect of the scientific community, the
18 military establishment and exploitive commercial ventures of the unique and
19 valuable nature of the region’s natural resources; and

1 **WHEREAS**, during the tenure of former President Kesolei, the Association
2 also forged new partnerships with a number of influential and committed NGO's and
3 public service groups, creating dialogs between law makers and concerned citizen
4 groups on matters of great importance to the whole APIL Pacific; and

5 **WHEREAS**, during the tenure of former President Kesolei, the Association
6 also strengthened its outreach to Washington, D.C. and to the international
7 community of nations in matters of mutual concern, thereby gaining an increasing
8 measure of acknowledgement and respect for the Association and its member
9 jurisdictions; now, therefore,

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd
11 Board of Directors meeting, December 5-6, 2012, State of Pohnpei, FSM, that the
12 Board of Directors of the APIL do hereby express our sincere appreciation to the
13 Honorable Rebluud Kesolei for his outstanding leadership during his two
14 consecutive terms as the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures;
15 and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and
17 the APIL Secretary shall attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
18 shall be transmitted to former APIL President, Honorable Rebluud Kesolei and to the
19 Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of
20 the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.



**JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
PRESIDENT**



**CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY**

