



# 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

Resolution No. 55-BOD-04

## A RESOLUTION

**“Congratulating the newly elected and returning law-makers of Kosrae, Guam, Yap and the CNMI following the November elections and extending our heartfelt wishes to those of our APIL family who will be departing from legislative service at the end of this year.”**

1       **WHEREAS**, perhaps the most enduring of all traditions associated with the legislative branches  
2 of the democratic governments throughout the APIL Pacific is the election process; and

3       **WHEREAS**, on no other day in our careers as elected law-makers are we more attuned to the  
4 needs and aspirations of our people than on election day; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the message that our people present to us on election day reverberates throughout  
6 our entire terms as legislators; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the message that our electors impart upon us is a humbling one; we are not the  
8 leaders of our people; we are their servants for whom we have been accorded not only the privilege, but  
9 also the mandate to speak for them in the public forums and in the halls of government; and

10       **WHEREAS**, in the first days of November, 2014, the voters of Kosrae, of Guam, of Yap and of  
11 the CNMI took to the polls to vote for their favorite candidates to serve in their respective legislatures;  
12 and

13       **WHEREAS**, these elections resulted in the return of many familiar faces and some newcomers,  
14 all of whom will become part of the family of APIL legislators in the months and years to come; and

15       **WHEREAS**, whether the elections resulted in the return of familiar faces or the introduction of  
16 new law-makers, all of the elections endowed the successful candidates with new visions and new  
17 directives for legislative action which will have a direct bearing on how the APIL will address the  
18 regional challenges of economic development; governmental reform and a multitude of other legislative  
19 matters and concerns in the years ahead; now, therefore,

1        **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Fifty-Fifth Board of  
2 Directors Meeting, State of Yap, December 3-5, 2014, that the Board of Directors of the Association of  
3 Pacific Island Legislatures, for and on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby  
4 extend our heartiest congratulations to the successful legislative candidates in the recent elections in  
5 Kosrae, Guam, Yap and the CNMI; and


6        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors welcomes back those law-makers  
7 who have been re-elected to the next term of their respective legislatures, and the Board likewise extends  
8 a warm hand of friendship to the new law-makers who will be sworn in for the first time in the January  
9 initiation sessions and to those previous law-makers who will be returning to former legislative seats  
10 after a period of absence from the legislative scene; and

11       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors extends to those of our APIL  
12 family who will be departing from legislative service at the end of this year our heartfelt wishes for  
13 success in the undertakings that you will take upon yourselves as you embark on new voyages of  
14 challenge and discovery; and

15       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary  
16 shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall thereafter be transmitted to each of  
17 the members-elect of the legislative assemblies of Kosrae, Guam, Yap and the CNMI; to each of the law-  
18 makers of the APIL family who will soon be departing from the legislative scene; and to the Chief  
19 Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific  
20 Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014

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

  
CHANG B. WILLIAM  
SECRETARY

