



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-05

A RESOLUTION

“Calling upon the Officers of the APIL to conduct a study and to develop a program for presentation at the next General Assembly of the APIL to enable the Office of the President of the APIL to issue recognition awards to those individuals, organizations, agencies who have demonstrated an extraordinary job in achieving the goals and aspirations of the APIL.”

1 **WHEREAS**, since its inception more than three decades ago, the continuing mission of the
2 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has been to organize a permanent association of mutual
3 assistance by representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands to meet on a regular basis to consider
4 matters of mutual interest in areas where regional cooperation, coordination, exchange and assistance
5 would help individual governments achieve their goals through collective action; and

6 **WHEREAS**, these mutual areas of interest cover the vast expanse of legislative concerns,
7 including the areas of resources and economic development, commerce, legislation, energy, regional
8 security and defense, communications, cultural appreciation, health and social services, education,
9 agriculture, air and sea transportation, aquaculture, sports and recreation, youth and senior citizens,
10 tourism, finance, political status, external relations, and development banking; and

11 **WHEREAS**, while these areas are of vital interest and concern to each of the Legislatures which
12 compose the membership of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, this organization humbly
13 recognizes that there are many other agencies, associations and persons committed to serving the peoples
14 of the APIL Pacific in each of these areas; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the APIL further recognizes that on special occasions and
16 in special circumstances, individuals rise above the call of duty and perform acts of courage, influence
17 and merit deserving of the public’s attention and our gratitude; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the APIL further recognizes that while the meritorious
2 actions of these individuals may well be acknowledged and celebrated in their home islands, there are
3 few forums at the regional level that can call attention to the regional impacts of these meritorious acts of
4 courage and wisdom; now, therefore,


5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, Fifty-Fifth Board of
6 Directors Meeting, State of Yap, December 3-5, 2014, that the Board of Directors of the Association of
7 Pacific Island Legislatures, for and on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby
8 calls upon the Officers of the APIL to conduct a study and to develop a program for presentation at the
9 next General Assembly of the APIL to enable the Office of the President of the APIL to issue recognition
10 awards to those individuals, organizations, agencies who have demonstrated an extraordinary job in
11 achieving the goals and aspirations of the APIL, as exemplified through such actions as will forward the
12 economic development of the region, preserve our unique ecosystems, or ensure the health, education or
13 welfare of our people, with the understanding that the Central Secretariat will assist the President in
14 obtaining nominations for the awards, especially in areas of priority which have been set forth in the
15 resolutions adopted by the General Assemblies of the APIL; and

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014



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



CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY

