



# 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. 56-BOD-06

**“Expressing the deepest gratitude of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures to the leadership and faculty of the Xavier High School and to the people and government of the State of Chuuk for providing educational opportunities of highest excellence and for providing a home away from home for the female and male students of Xavier.”**

1       **WHEREAS**, Xavier High School began its operation on September 8, 1952, with 21  
2       boys from the former Truk District; thereafter Xavier High School found and enrolled students  
3       from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, State of Pohnpei, State of Yap, and the Republic of  
4       Palau and further expanded its enrollment to the students of the State of Kosrae; and

5       **WHEREAS**, “The mission of Xavier High School is to educate students to be competent,  
6       conscientious, and compassionate leaders whose lives are guided by the Christian call of  
7       Services.”; and

8       **WHEREAS**, the first graduating class of 1956 graduated only four students, all of whom  
9       were Palauan students, namely Andres Ucherbelau, Raymond Ulechong, Lazarus Eitaro Salii,  
10      and Anthony Polloi who became important leaders in the society of Palau and in the Trust  
11      Territory Government in the areas of politics, healthcare, and maritime affairs; and

12      **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Xavier High School began accepting female students and since  
13      then the enrollment has grown to more than 150 students; and

14      **WHEREAS**, Xavier High School has successfully graduated many students who have  
15      become successful leaders in their own island countries in many different respects including  
16      government and politics, public service, media and the arts, private sector, environmental

1 conservation, education, religious organizations, law, healthcare, maritime, US Armed Forces,  
2 and industry in each respective island in Micronesia; and

3       **WHEREAS**, the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures  
4 have greatly benefitted from the education that Xavier High School provides to many of our  
5 people who have been through the corridors of Xavier High School; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the APIL Board of Directors is cognizant of the caliber of education that  
7 Xavier High School has to offer and believe that the life that many Xavierites call “Xavier Life”  
8 is something that prepares young individuals to think critically and independently in order to  
9 become honest and productive members of their societies and the world; and

10       **WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Chuuk through their hospitality have continued to  
11 provide a place that has made many young Micronesians who attend Xavier High School call  
12 Chuuk a second home; and

13       **WHEREAS**, since Xavier began accepting female students, it became a challenge for  
14 parents from the other islands of Micronesia to send their daughters to a place far from their  
15 island homes; however, the people of the State of Chuuk welcomed these young Micronesian  
16 women with open arms and have treated them as family, and often times the female graduates of  
17 Xavier say that they have a family in Chuuk and continue to maintain that relationship; and

18       **WHEREAS**, the young Micronesian men who also attend Xavier High School are also  
19 given the opportunity to have sponsor families that take care of them like they are their own, and  
20 the male student’s own families on their home islands are deeply grateful that such Micronesian  
21 values are being preserved and sincerely thank the people of the State of Chuuk; and

22       **WHEREAS**, the island of Chuuk has successfully hosted Xavier High School, and even  
23 though suggestions to relocate the school from Chuuk to Pohnpei after the closing down of the


1 Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School were made, the Government of Chuuk has consistently  
2 declared that the community of Chuuk has hosted the school and therefore the school should  
3 remain; now, therefore,

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island  
5 Legislatures, 56<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the  
6 Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby  
7 expresses the deepest gratitude of the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island  
8 Legislature to the leadership and faculty of the Xavier High School and to the people and  
9 government of the State of Chuuk for providing educational opportunities of highest excellence  
10 and for providing a home away from home for the female and male students of Xavier; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify and the Secretary  
12 shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to Principle  
13 Official of the Xavier High School, to the Governor and the Presiding Legislative Officers of the  
14 FSM State of Chuuk, and to the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each  
15 member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015

  
KENNETH A. KEDI  
PRESIDENT

  
FERNANDO SCALIEM  
SECRETARY

