



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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FSM, State of Chuuk
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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-12

“Recognizing and commending the Honorable Associate Justice Chang B. William for his accomplishments and expressing deepest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the state and people of the FSM State of Kosrae and to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.”

1 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice Chang B. William was born on November 22, 1963 in the
2 FSM State of Kosrae where he grew up and started his journey into leadership and public service;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice William fulfilled his calling into public service by first
5 committing himself to the completion of his education beginning at the Lelu Elementary School
6 where he finished his primary education and continued to attend the Kosrae High School and
7 graduated in 1982; and

8 **WHEREAS**, following his graduation from high school, Associate Justice William went to
9 further his education at the Community College of Micronesia where he earned his Associate of
10 Science degree in General Business in 1984 and immediately enrolled in the Third Year Program of
11 the College where he received a certificate as a recipient of the National Dean’s List Honor; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice William continued his educational journey by enrolling at the
13 University of Guam where he successfully completed his studies and earned his Bachelor of Arts
14 degree in Education in 1993; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the education that Associate Justice William received, he began
16 in his early years building a successful career and learning the importance of good work ethics by

1 entering into the workforce as early as 1984 where he worked as a store clerk and later as a
2 classroom teacher from 1985 to 1995 whilst pursuing his education; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice William continued his public service as a Legislative Legal
4 Aide from 1995 to 2005 and because of his exemplary performance advanced to become a Justice
5 Pro Tempore of the Land Court from 2003 to 2004, and beginning in 1996 until 2015 Associate
6 Justice Willing was a Trial Counselor for the Kosrae State Court; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice William successfully entered the Kosrae State Legislature as
8 a Senator from 2005 to 2015 and in his capacity as Senator, Associate Justice William became a
9 member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures from 2011 to
10 2015 where he duly served the people of the State of Kosrae and made invaluable contributions to
11 the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during his service with the APIL, Associate Justice William gained the respect
13 and confidence of the Association and was elected to serve as the Association's Treasurer in 2011
14 and thereafter as the Association's Secretary in 2013, the Officer's position in the APIL he continued
15 to hold until the expiration of his final term with the Kosrae Legislature; and

16 **WHEREAS**, after Associate Justice William duly served all his terms as Senator and was no
17 longer eligible to run again for office, he was appointed and sworn in as the newest Associate Justice
18 for the Kosrae State Court in 2015; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice William has attended and participated in numerous trainings,
20 conferences, and seminars including Research, Drafting and Writing Workshop, Pre-trial and Trial
21 Preparation Seminar, Pre-Law Training, Seminar on Business Law, the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th FSM
22 Judicial Conferences, USDA Training on Performance Budgeting, Advance Evidence Training for
23 Judges, Training Session on Organizational Capacities, Pacific Regional Consultation on Human
24 Rights for Members of Parliament, and Regional Consultation on Human Rights for Judicial

1 Decision-makers that have given him new skills and experiences which in turn have contributed to
2 his continuing success in serving the people of Kosrae in the different areas where he has publicly
3 served; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice William is also an avid member of society where he has
5 served in many organizations including the Kosrae Teachers Association where he was President
6 from 1993 to 1995, Staff of the 2nd Kosrae State Constitutional Convention in 1994, Officer of the
7 Lelu PTA Board from 1996 to 2003, Member of the Board of Directors for the Micronesian Legal
8 Service Corporation from 2011 to 2015, and Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of
9 Pacific Island Legislatures from 2011 to 2015; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice William continues to serve the people of Kosrae through his
11 involvement and membership in religious organizations including the Lelu Youth Christian
12 Endeavor, the Sangkumi Lelu, the Lelu Gospel Choir, and most recently as a Layminister, a Deacon,
13 and finally a Revered in 2015; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Associate Justice Chang B. William administered the Oath of Office for the
15 new Executive Officers of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,
16 namely Senator Kenneth Kedi as President, Vice Speaker Robert Taulung as Vice President, Speaker
17 Fernando Scaliem as Secretary, and Senator Nelson Stephen as Treasurer, at the Opening Ceremony
18 of the 56th Board of Directors Meeting in the FSM State of Kosrae; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is only appropriate to recognize the Honorable Associate Justice Chang B.
20 William for his extraordinary contributions to the people and FSM State of Kosrae and to the
21 Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures at this 56th Board of Directors Meeting held in Kosrae as
22 it is the contributions of former members like Associate Justice William that has paved the way to
23 allow for this opportunity to occur; now, therefore

1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
2 Legislatures, 56th Board Meeting, December 2-3, 2015, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia, that
3 the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby recognizes
4 and commends the Honorable Associate Justice Chang B. William for his accomplishments and
5 expresses its deepest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to the state of Kosrae and to the
6 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify and the Secretary
8 shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Honorable
9 Associate Justice Chang B. William and to the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of
10 each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

