



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: 57-BOD-04

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi, Speaker of the National Parliament of
2 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, has faithfully held the highest office in the Association
3 of Pacific Island Legislatures for the last two years; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi presided over the 33rd and 34th
5 General Assemblies and the 55th and 56th Board of Directors meetings of this organization
6 during which sixty-five resolutions and numerous floor motions were entertained, debated
7 upon and adopted by this august body; and

8 **WHEREAS**, during the tenure of the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi, this organization
9 grappled with some of the most pressing challenges confronting the peoples of the Blue
10 Continent, including the ravaging effects of climate change, the continuing damages of
11 exposure of our island peoples to radiation caused by the incautious testing and detonation
12 of nuclear devices over their atolls and communities, the management and conservation of
13 our marine resources, the proper education and the retention of the cultural values among
14 our children, the calling for a regional network of advanced medical care, the development
15 of airlines services and ocean transport within the region, and many other worthy topics of
16 legislative concern and action; and

17 **WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure as President, the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi
18 served as an inspiration for all of us within the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,
19 which motivations and insights were carried back by our delegations to our individual
20 legislative and parliamentary assemblies for further development and action; and

1 **WHEREAS**, having now passed the mantle of leadership of the APIL during this,
2 the 57th Board of Directors Meeting of the APIL, to the Honorable Robert I. Taulung, Vice
3 Speaker of the Legislature of the State of Kosrae, the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi now joins
4 the ranks of the Council of Past APIL Presidents, where we are confident that he will carry
5 on the fine work to which he devoted himself during his tenure as the 20th President of the
6 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; now, therefore,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
8 Legislatures, 57th Board Meeting, State of Chuuk, December 8-9, 2016, that this Board of
9 Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses our sincere
10 appreciation to the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi for his outstanding leadership during his two
11 consecutive terms as the President of this Association; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
13 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted
14 to the Honorable Kenneth A. Kedi, the 20th President of the Association of Pacific Island
15 Legislatures, and to the Chief Executive and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
16 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

