



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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-09

“Pledging and re-committing the present membership of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the awesome task and to the humbling responsibility of upholding the vision, the outreach and the enthusiasm that is, and should always be, the continuing legacy of an organization founded on the ideals of mutual trust, cooperation and action.”

1 **WHEREAS**, first conceived of almost a half a century ago and formally
2 established in 1982, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is now entering its 35th
3 year of existence; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in its three and a half decades of existence, the mission of the
5 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has remained constant: *“to organize a*
6 *permanent association of mutual assistance by representatives of the people of the*
7 *Pacific Islands”*; and

8 **WHEREAS**, over the many years of its existence, the mission of the Association
9 of Pacific Island Legislatures has been carried forward into almost every aspect of
10 legislative concern:

- 11 • from economic development to public finance,
- 12 • from airline services to sea transportation,
- 13 • from conventional energy production to alternate energy research,
- 14 • from pre-school programs to adult education,
- 15 • from basic health services to advanced care abroad,
- 16 • from care for the disabled to care for the aging,
- 17 • from environmental controls and limitations to the enjoyment of public parks and
- 18 public places,
- 19 • from rain forest management to marine conservation,
- 20 • from human trafficking to domestic violence,

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- 1 • from the pioneering development of digital pipelines to the advanced technologies
2 of computer sciences,
3 • from the growing dangers of global warming and sea rise to aggressive programs
4 of atoll hardening and the establishment of safe havens,
5 • from the recognition of the need for the implementation of sophisticated typhoon
6 and tsunami warning systems to the call for coordinated disaster relief and
7 rehabilitation programs, and
8 • from the many, many other areas of identified regional attention to the many,
9 many other areas of solid and sustainable problem solutions; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as it sought to address and to solve the many challenges facing the
11 islands and the peoples of the Pacific, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures has
12 sponsored and encouraged the establishment of many other worthy regional entities,
13 among which we are most proud of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, the Ayuda
14 Foundation, and the Digital Society Foundation; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the efforts of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and its
16 many associated organizations and NGO's have been instrumental in obtaining global
17 recognition of our particular and specialized corner of the world, now reverently labeled
18 and affectionately referred to as the "*Blue Continent*"; and

19 **WHEREAS**, throughout the three and a half decades of APIL existence and work
20 in the region, this organization has seen the comings and goings of generations of
21 lawmakers; and

22 **WHEREAS**, we who serve in the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures,
23 today, acknowledge, praise and celebrate the vision and the initiatives of our forefathers,
24 our foremothers, our uncles, our aunts, our older cousins and relatives and all those other
25 representatives of the people who came before us with the vision and determination to
26 make this organization the success that it has now become; now, therefore,

27 **BE IT RESOLVED** by Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
28 Legislatures, 57th Board Meeting, State of Chuuk, December 8-9, 2016, that we, the
29 present members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, as we enter the new
30 year of 2017, do hereby pledge and do hereby re-commit ourselves to the awesome task
31 and to the humbling responsibility of upholding the vision, the outreach and the

1 enthusiasm that is and should always be the continuing legacy of an organization founded
2 on the ideals that:

3 *“to consider matters of mutual interest in areas where regional*
4 *cooperation, coordination, exchange and assistance would help individual*
5 *governments achieve their goals through collective action, it is proposed*
6 *[and it is now realized] that a mutual assistance organization be formed*
7 *by representatives of those Pacific Island people who express willingness*
8 *to join together in an association structured with sufficient capability and*
9 *permanence to address, in depth, the substantive regional and*
10 *international issues facing the emerging Pacific governments.”; and*

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
12 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
13 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
14 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

