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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. 58-BOD-07

“To convey the deepest and most profound condolences, and sincere appreciation to the family and friends of His Excellency, the late Tony A. deBrum, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Climate Change of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, after his passing, following many years of exemplary service to the people of the Micronesia Region.”

1 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency, the late Tony A. deBrum worked tirelessly to cope with the
2 legacy of the U.S Nuclear Weapons Testing Program, and subsequently received international
3 recognition by receiving the 2012 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award, the 2014 Sean McBride
4 Peace Prize, the 2015 Nuclear Free Future Award (NFFA), the Right Livelihood Award and the
5 2016 Arms Control Person of the Year, and was also nominated for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency, late Tony A. deBrum emerged as a leading national and
8 international voice on the existential threat posed by Climate Change to all low-lying countries
9 through the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership in 2013, through the 2015 formation of the
10 High Ambition Coalition and through the Paris Agreement on Climate Change during the COP21
11 talks; and

12 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency, the late Tony A. deBrum was a champion to all APIL
13 member jurisdictions, for he tirelessly worked to bring the world’s attention to the impacts of
14 climate change on our region, and because he also became the leading voice in calling for the
15 abolition of nuclear weapons to ensure that the future existence of our small island nations will not

1 be compromised; and

2 **WHEREAS**, with profound sadness, on August 22, 2017, His Excellency, the late Tony A.
3 deBrum passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family and loved ones; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the governments and the communities of each member jurisdiction of the
5 Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures (APIL) express through our esteemed Board of
6 Directors that we mourn the loss of a tremendous leader, a true visionary who courageously fought
7 for our region on the international stage, and a generous man whose proud legacy will always be
8 his family; and

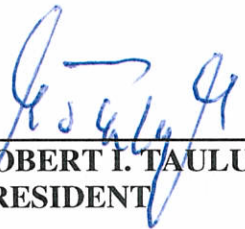
9 **WHEREAS**, His Excellency, the late Tony A. deBrum is survived by his father, Joe
10 deBrum, his wife Rosalie deBrum, and their children, Doreen deBrum, Dolores deBrum and Sally
11 Ann deBrum, as well as ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and his siblings, Laurette
12 Powel, Lena deBrum, Karina Bobo Alvin and Anton deBrum; now, therefore,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
14 Legislatures, at its 58th Board of Directors' Meeting, Republic of Palau, December 6-7, 2017, that
15 this Board does hereby respectfully convey our deepest and profound condolences and sincere
16 appreciation to the family and friends of His Excellency, the late Tony A. deBrum, in tribute to his
17 exemplary service to the Micronesia Region"; and

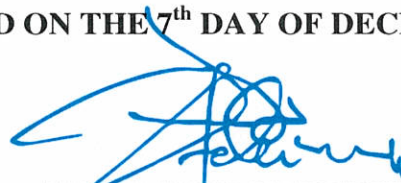
18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
19 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the
20 family and friends of His Excellency, the late Tony A. deBrum and to the Chief Executives and

- 1 Presiding Legislative Officers of the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island
- 2 Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.



ROBERT I. TAULUNG
PRESIDENT



NELSON STEPHEN
SECRETARY

