



# 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. 59-BOD-02

“Applauding the initiative undertaken by the Hawaii State Legislature in commencing an active program to achieve the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in the upcoming years and encouraging all of our legislative assemblies that compose the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to adopt and implement similar programs so that all of our island jurisdictions of the “Blue Continent” can be recognized as global leaders for sustainable growth on the world stage.”

1       **WHEREAS**, after many years of arduous work and many conferences and  
2 meetings, Resolution 70/1 was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in  
3 2015, entitled "Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable  
4 Development"; and

5       **WHEREAS**, the 2015 U.N. Resolution sets forth 17 United Nations Sustainable  
6 Development Goals or SDGs; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the 17 SDGs by which the United Nations is seeking to transform  
8 the world by the Year 2030 are as follows:

- 9                   • Goal 1: No poverty
- 10                  • Goal 2: Zero hunger
- 11                  • Goal 3: Good health and well-being for people
- 12                  • Goal 4: Quality education
- 13                  • Goal 5: Gender equality
- 14                  • Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation
- 15                  • Goal 7: Affordable and clean energy
- 16                  • Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth
- 17                  • Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
- 18                  • Goal 10: Reducing inequalities

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- 1                   • Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
  - 2                   • Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production
  - 3                   • Goal 13: Climate action
  - 4                   • Goal 14: Life below water
  - 5                   • Goal 15: Life on land
  - 6                   • Goal 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions
  - 7                   • Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals; and

8                   **WHEREAS**, as of the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2015, 193 member countries of the  
9 United Nations, inclusive of the many nations of the Pacific Ocean, have adopted the  
10 2030 Development Agenda, which agenda outlines the 17 Sustainable Development  
11 Goals and 169 associated targets; and

12                  **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island  
13 Legislatures finds itself in full support of the 17 SDGs outlined above, but in so doing we  
14 fully realize that to achieve these 17 goals and the 169 associated targets, it is not enough  
15 to just sign onto the convention; because

16                  **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the APIL Board of Directors that affirmative action  
17 must be initiated at all levels of society to achieve these goals and targets, and creative  
18 programs must be implemented as soon as possible for the Year 2030 is just a mere 10  
19 years away; and

20                  **WHEREAS**, the APIL Board of Directors hereby recognizes the leading role that  
21 the Hawaii State Legislature has assumed in our region of the world by officially  
22 adopting the 17 SDGs in its 2018 Regular Session, and hereby commends the Hawaii  
23 State Legislature for its expressed commitment to commence a program to accomplish  
24 seven of these goals in its 2019 Regular Session; now, therefore,

25                  **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific  
26 Island Legislatures, 59<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, January 30 to February 2, 2019, FSM State of  
27 Yap, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island  
28 Legislatures, hereby applauds the initiative undertaken by the Hawaii State Legislature in  
29 commencing an active program to achieve the 17 United Nations Sustainable  
30 Development Goals in the upcoming years, and encourages all of our legislative

1 assemblies that compose the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to adopt and  
2 implement similar programs so that the all of our island jurisdictions of the “Blue  
3 Continent” can be recognized as global leaders for sustainable growth on the world stage;  
4 and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that APIL President shall certify and the APIL  
6 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be  
7 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the member  
8 jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.**



**FERNANDO SCALIEM  
PRESIDENT**



**IVAN A. BLANCO  
SECRETARY**

