



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-06

“Congratulating the newly elected and returning lawmakers in the FSM States of Yap and Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI following the November elections and extending our heartfelt wishes to those of our APIL family who will be departing from legislative service.”

1 **WHEREAS**, perhaps the most enduring of all traditions associated with the
2 legislative branches of the democratic governments throughout the APIL Pacific is the
3 election process; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on no other day in our careers as elected lawmakers are we more
5 attuned to the needs and aspirations of our people than on Election Day; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the message that our people present to us on Election Day
7 reverberates throughout our entire terms as legislators; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the message that our electors impart upon us is a humbling one; we
9 are the leaders of our people and also their servants for whom we have been accorded not
10 only the privilege, but also the mandate to speak for them in the public forums and in the
11 halls of government; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2018, the voters of the FSM States of Yap and
13 Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI took to the polls to
14 vote for their candidates to serve in their respective legislatures; and

15 **WHEREAS**, these elections resulted in the return of familiar faces and some
16 newcomers, all of whom will become part of the family of APIL legislators in the months
17 and years to come; and

1 **WHEREAS**, whether the elections resulted in the return of familiar faces or the
2 introduction of new lawmakers, all of the elections endowed the successful candidates
3 with new visions and new directives for legislative action which will have a direct
4 bearing on how the APIL will address the regional challenges of economic development;
5 governmental reform and a multitude of other legislative matters and concerns in the
6 years ahead; now therefore,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 59th Board
8 of Directors Meeting, FSM State of Yap, January 30 – February 2, 2019, that the Board
9 of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, for and on behalf of the
10 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to
11 the successful legislative candidates in the recent elections in the FSM States of Yap and
12 Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors welcomes back
14 those lawmakers who have been re-elected to the next term of their respective
15 legislatures, and the Board likewise extends a warm hand of friendship to the new
16 lawmakers who have been sworn in for the first time and to those previous lawmakers
17 who will be returning to former legislative seats after a period of absence from the
18 legislative scene; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors extends to those of
20 our APIL family who will be departing from legislative service, our heartfelt wishes for
21 success in undertakings that you will take up on yourselves as you embark on new
22 voyages of challenge and discovery; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify, and the
24 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall
25 thereafter be transmitted to each of the members of the legislative assemblies of the FSM

- 1 States of Yap and Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI; to
- 2 each of the lawmakers of the APIL family who are departing from the legislative scene;
- 3 and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
- 4 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.



FERNANDO SCALIEM
PRESIDENT



IVAN A. BLANCO
SECRETARY

