



# 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-08

**“Expressing the sincere appreciation of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to each of the Presenters appearing before the APIL Board members at our 59<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting, and extending a special thanks to each and every one for their informative and thorough presentations.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, the 59<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting of the Association of Pacific  
2   Island Legislatures was held in the beautiful State of Yap in the Federated States of  
3   Micronesia from January 30 through February 2, 2019; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the first Presenter at this year’s Board meeting was Aren Palik,  
5   President and CEO of the Pacific Islands Development Bank, who provided the Board  
6   members and accompanying delegations with a comprehensive review of the Bank’s  
7   policies and programs, as well as its financial status and visions for the future; and

8           **WHEREAS**, James Espaldon, Project Manager for the Ayuda Foundation,  
9   informed the Board members and accompanying delegations as to the work of the Ayuda  
10   Foundation, paying special attention to the first response efforts and continuing assistance  
11   that the Ayuda Foundation has been providing to the people of the Commonwealth of the  
12   Northern Mariana Islands whose lives, homes and businesses were devastated and who  
13   are still suffering from the ravages of Super-Typhoon Yutu; and

14           **WHEREAS**, Samuel Ileugam, Member of the Board of Directors of Payuta  
15   presented an informative message on the programs and projects of the non-governmental  
16   organizations of Payuta and their outcomes in Micronesia; and

17           **WHEREAS**, John Rulmal, Jr. of the Ulithi Falalop Community gave an  
18   enlightening presentation entitled “One People, One Reef Organization: Tradition and  
19   Science” in which Mr. Rulmal, Jr. spoke with deep understanding and conviction of the  
20   challenges that the residents of Ulithi Atoll, State of Yap are confronting, meeting and

1 overcoming in preserving and sustaining their oceans, their reefs and their lagoon  
2 environments; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Linda Teteth, along with Nina Van Bruegel, the Women's Interest  
4 Officer and social worker in the State of Yap, spoke enthusiastically on women's  
5 programs in the state and the steps taken and planned for in the State of Yap, as part of  
6 the overall efforts in the FSM, to address family violence, female decision-making,  
7 human trafficking and other such gender policies; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Tara McCaw, Program Manager for the Catholic Relief Services  
9 delivered a compelling address on the Adaptive Community Transformation (ACT)  
10 regarding their projects on Yap which are focused on building community resilience  
11 through Disaster Risk Management, Agriculture, and Food Security; now, therefore,

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific  
13 Island Legislatures, 59<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, January 30 through February 2, 2019, State of  
14 Yap, that the Board of Directors hereby expresses our sincere appreciation to all the  
15 Presenters at this year's Board meeting for the fine and informative presentations given;  
16 and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that APIL President shall certify, and the APIL  
18 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter  
19 transmitted to each of the Presenters who delivered addresses at the 59<sup>th</sup> Board of  
20 Directors meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, and the Chief  
21 Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the  
22 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**

