



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-09

“Congratulating the newly elected and returning Governors in the FSM States of Yap and Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI following the November elections.”

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

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

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

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

10 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2018, the voters of the FSM States of Yap and
11 Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI took to the polls to
12 vote for their Governors to serve in their respective jurisdictions; and

13 **WHEREAS**, these elections resulted in the return of familiar faces and some
14 newcomers; and

15 **WHEREAS**, whether the elections resulted in the return of familiar faces or the
16 introduction of new Governors, all of the elections endowed the successful candidates
17 with new visions and new directives for action which will have a direct bearing on how
18 we will address the regional challenges of economic development, governmental reform
19 and a multitude of other matters and concerns in the years ahead; now therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 59th Board
2 of Directors Meeting, State of Yap, January 30 – February 2, 2019, that the Board of
3 Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, for and on behalf of the
4 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to
5 the successful Governors in the recent elections in the FSM States of Yap and Kosrae, the
6 US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI; and
7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify, and the
8 APIL secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall
9 thereafter be transmitted to each of the Governors of the FSM States of Yap and Kosrae,
10 the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI; and to the Presiding
11 Legislative Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island
12 Legislatures.

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



**FERNANDO SCALIEM
PRESIDENT**



**IVAN A. BLANCO
SECRETARY**

