



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
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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. 60-BOD-02, CD 1

**“Expressing deepest appreciation to the people and government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the designation of public domain lands for the establishment and maintenance of a Palauan Abai and to reaffirm our shared commitment to celebrating and promoting our shared Pacific cultural heritage.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands has a culture and history  
2   of welcoming people to its shores and as such has been host and home to many Pacific  
3   Islanders dating back to even before the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands times when  
4   Saipan became the headquarters; and

5           **WHEREAS**, as host to the multitude of Micronesians and their families who  
6   served in the TTPI Administration and the emerging TTPI Congress of Micronesia, the  
7   people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands allowed their fellow  
8   islanders to continue practicing their own cultures and traditions and encouraged them to  
9   share the richness and uniqueness of their cultures and heritage with their brothers and  
10   sisters in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, adding to the cultural  
11   diversity within the islands of the CNMI; and

12           **WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of preserving culture, heritage, and  
13   traditions which are the foundation of our identities as Pacific peoples, the government  
14   and people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have generously  
15   designated public domain lands for the establishment of a Palauan Abai; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Palauan Abai holds great cultural, communal, and historical  
2   significance for the Palauan people, standing as one of the most iconic symbols of  
3   Palauan culture; and

4           **WHEREAS**, this act of kindness and understanding by the people and  
5   government of the CNMI exhibits for all of us in the APIL their profound sense of the  
6   fundamental importance of preserving the identity, culture, and heritage of all Pacific  
7   Islanders, especially those within the Member Jurisdictions of the APIL; now, therefore,

8           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 60<sup>th</sup>  
9   Meeting of the Board of Directors, Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern  
10   Mariana Islands, December 4-6, 2019, that the Board of Directors, for and on behalf of  
11   the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby expresses our deepest appreciation  
12   to the people and government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for  
13   the designation of public domain lands for the establishment and maintenance of a  
14   Palauan Abai; and

15           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors acknowledges and  
16   declares that this wondrous gift from the people of the CNMI to the people of Palau  
17   reaffirms and reminds us all of the inspiration we should all share together in the joy of  
18   celebrating and promoting our Pacific Islands languages, cultures and heritage; and

19           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that APIL President shall certify and the APIL  
20   Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the  
21   President of the Republic of Palau, to the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern  
22   Mariana Islands, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, to the  
23   Speaker of the House of Representatives of the CNMI; to the President of the Senate of the Olbiil  
24   Era Kelulau, to the President of the Senate of the CNMI, to the Saipan-Belau Bai Project

- 1 Committee (SBBPC), and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the
- 2 Member Jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.**



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**EDGAR LICKANETH**  
**PRESIDENT**



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**IVAN A. BLANCO**  
**SECRETARY**

