



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 60-BOD-08, CD 1

“Relative to unifying efforts to curb the victimization of vulnerable populations, by establishing and committing to regional reporting of crimes committed against children, women, and the elderly.”

1 **WHEREAS**, across the Pacific, cultures share values that revere the elderly,
2 honor women, and protect children; and

3 **WHEREAS**, unfortunately, throughout our region too many nations and
4 territories see violence and exploitation perpetrated against these important members of
5 our island families; and

6 **WHEREAS**, efforts to understand, prevent, and punish these crimes can be made
7 more effective if communities tied by common cultural threads collect and share
8 comparable data; and

9 **WHEREAS**, regional stakeholders have noted gaps in reporting gender-based
10 and other biased crimes, as recently as this year’s United Nations Development
11 Programme’s Pacific Women Leadership Summit; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in recognizing this growing problem and potential vehicle for
13 culturally relevant and competent solutions, the APIL is called to act accordingly and
14 decisively; now, therefore,

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** by 60th Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific
16 Island Legislatures, that its member jurisdictions are requested to commit to establishing,
17 by local statute or otherwise, the regular reporting of local crimes perpetrated against
18 children, women, and the elderly—which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:
19 (1) total number and demographic information of victims (age, gender, ethnicity, etc.);

1 (2) total number and demographic information of convicted abusers (age, gender,
2 relationship to victim, number of convictions, etc.); (3) information about crime
3 perpetrated (violence, criminal sexual conduct, financial exploitation, etc.); (4)
4 information regarding the resolution of criminal cases (verdict reached, plea deal
5 negotiated, dismissal of case, etc.); (5) current penalties for crimes committed against
6 children, women, and the elderly; and (6) any newly adopted or enacted rules,
7 regulations, or statutes addressing crimes committed against children, women, and the
8 elderly on *at least* an annual basis; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all APIL member jurisdictions are
10 requested to commit to transmitting the aforementioned report to the Association's
11 Secretariat prior to APIL General Assemblies and meetings of the Board of Directors;
12 and authorize the publishing of all reports to the APIL website for the free use of regional
13 researchers and legislators; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
15 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
16 transmitted to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each
17 member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 5th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.



EDGAR LICKANETH
PRESIDENT



IVAN A. BLANCO
SECRETARY

