



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. 61-BOD-01

“Extending to APIL’s Past President, the Honorable J. Kalani English, the heartfelt wishes of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for your improved health and wellbeing as you seek to recover from the disabling effects of the COVID-19 virus.”

1 **WHEREAS**, all of the APIL Pacific was shocked to hear the
2 distressing news that our Association’s former President, our close friend
3 and our esteemed colleague, the Honorable J. Kalani English, was
4 announcing that he would be stepping down from his Senate seat in the
5 Hawaii State Legislature effective May 1, 2021, which correspondingly
6 meant that our former President would also be vacating his current seat on
7 the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in what he has labeled as his final edition of his Senate
9 newsletter, Senator J. Kalani English graciously informed all of us that:

10 “In late November 2020, I contracted COVID-19
11 while with family out of Hawai‘i. My symptoms
12 were mild and I did not physically suffer at the time
13 of infection from the virus, unlike many of our
14 friends and family. I was grateful to have healed.
15 Upon my return to Hawai‘i, I noticed a change in
16 my energy, pervasive lethargy, memory challenges
17 and a fogginess in my thought process. I was not

1 sure what to make of the challenges and thought I
2 was suffering from depression or issues related to
3 depression. Having been deemed a long hauler, I
4 was diagnosed with long-term effects of COVID-19.
5 My new normal will require me to address some of
6 the challenges left to my short and long-term
7 memory and other cognitive issues derived from the
8 virus. These challenges have placed a number of
9 things into perspective for me, including the need to
10 take better care of my health.”; and

11 **WHEREAS**, we all remember with fondness and respect that during
12 his long and productive participation in the work of the APIL, our Past
13 President J. Kalani English brought to our attention and led us to address
14 many serious issues of regional importance touching all of the island
15 jurisdictions of the APIL Pacific; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it was not only in the General Assemblies and Board
17 meetings of our Association where the presence of our Past President J.
18 Kalani English will be so sorely missed, but it was his many visits to our
19 island communities and his many concerned phone conversations and
20 informative e-mails that remind us how central our former APIL President
21 has been to legislative progress in the APIL Pacific; now, therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of
2 Pacific Island Legislatures, 61st Board Meeting, February 17-18, 2022, via
3 ZOOM Conferencing, that the Board of Directors on behalf of the
4 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby expresses to the
5 Honorable J. Kalani English, Past President of the Association of Pacific
6 Island Legislatures, our heartfelt wishes for your improved health and
7 wellbeing as you seek to recover from the disabling effects of the COVID-
8 19 virus; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President
10 shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption
11 hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the
12 Honorable J. Kalani English, to President Ron Kouchi, Hawaii State Senate;
13 and to the Chief Executive and Legislative Presiding Officers of each
14 member jurisdiction of the APIL.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.



NELSON STEPHEN
ACTING PRESIDENT



VINNIE SABLEN
ACTING SECRETARY

