



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-12

“To respectfully request the APIL member governments, our partner countries and international organizations to respond to the urgent needs of the low-lying island communities of the APIL Pacific, especially the FSM States of Chuuk and Yap, and to commit themselves to an intensive program which will not only address the task of solving the current damages caused by rising seas and re-establishing food for security for the inhabitants of these low-lying atolls, but will also reach for long term solutions to harden low lying atolls and low lying shorelines of all the islands of the APIL Pacific from the inevitable destructive forces of global warming and sea level rise.”

1 **WHEREAS**, in the early days of December, 2021, the outer islands of the
2 States of Chuuk and Yap suffered from the onslaught of inordinately high king
3 tides inundating the land and resulting in serious damage to the taro patches and
4 threatening the ground water resources of these very vulnerable atolls; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the assessed damages of these king tides were so severe as to
6 compel the Governors of the States of Chuuk and Yap to declare constitutional
7 states of emergency mobilizing all of the available resources within their states
8 and seeking emergency aid from the FSM National Government, partner
9 countries and international organizations to come to the aid of these two states to
10 combat the damages caused by these king tides; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Board of Directors of the Association of
12 Pacific Island Legislatures that these king tides are in large measure a product of
13 global warming and resultant sea rise which will only intensify in the years to

1 come affecting not only low-lying atolls, but also the low-lying shorelines of all
2 islands; now, therefore,

3 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Association
4 of Pacific Island Legislatures, 61st Board Meeting, February 17-18, 2022, via
5 ZOOM Conferencing, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of
6 Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby respectfully requests the APIL member
7 governments, our partner countries and international organizations to respond to
8 the urgent needs of the low-lying island communities of the APIL Pacific and to
9 commit themselves to an intensive program which will not only address the task
10 of solving the current damages caused by rising seas and re-establishing food for
11 security for the low-lying island inhabitants, but will also reach for long term
12 solutions to harden low lying atolls and low-lying shorelines of all the islands of
13 the APIL Pacific from the inevitable destructive forces of global warming and sea
14 level rise; and

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

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



NELSON STEPHEN
ACTING PRESIDENT



VINNIE SABLEN
ACTING SECRETARY

