



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

APIL Resolution No. 62-BOD-03

“Congratulating the newly elected and returning lawmakers of the FSM States, the U.S. State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands following the November elections and extending our heartfelt wishes to our APIL family who will be departing from legislative services.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the election process is the most enduring in most traditions
2 associated with the legislative branches of the democratic governments throughout the
3 APIL Pacific region; and

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

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

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

12 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2022, the voters of the FSM States, the US State of
13 Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
14 took to the polls to vote for their candidates to serve in their respective legislatures; and

15 **WHEREAS**, these elections resulted in the return of familiar faces and some
16 newcomers, all of whom will become part of the family of APIL legislators in the months
17 and years to come; and

1 **WHEREAS**, whether the elections resulted in the return of familiar faces or the
2 introduction of new lawmakers, all of the elections endowed the successful candidates
3 with new visions and new directives for legislative action which will have a direct
4 bearing on how the APIL will address the regional challenges of economic development,
5 governmental reform and multitude of other legislative matters and concerns in the years
6 ahead; now, therefore,


7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislature, 62nd Board
8 of Directors Meeting in the State of Kosrae, FSM, April 5-April 6, 2023, that the Board
9 of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, for and on behalf of the
10 Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends our heartiest
11 congratulations to the successful legislative candidates in the recent elections in the FSM
12 States, the US State of Hawaii, the island of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the
13 Northern Mariana Islands; and

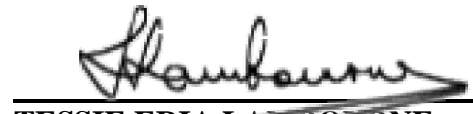
14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors welcomes back
15 those lawmakers who have been re-elected to the next term of their respective legislature,
16 and the Board likewise extends a warm hand of friendship to the new lawmakers who
17 have been sworn in for the first time and to those previous lawmakers who will be
18 returning to former legislative seats after a period of absence from the legislative scene;
19 and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors extends to those of
21 APIL family who will be departing from legislative service, our heartfelt wishes for
22 success in undertakings that you will take up on yourselves as you embark on new
23 voyages of challenge and discovery; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
2 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall
3 thereafter be transmitted to each of the members of the legislative assemblies of the FSM
4 States, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the
5 Northern Mariana Islands; to each of the lawmakers of the APIL family who are
6 departing from legislative scene; and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative
7 Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.


NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT


TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY

