



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-05

“Expressing, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislature, congratulations to the newly elected and returning Governors in the FSM, the US State of Hawaii, Island of Guam, and CNMI following the November elections and extending our heartfelt wishes and appreciations to those who will be departing for their great services.”

1 **WHEREAS**, perhaps the most enduring of all traditions associated with the
2 democratic governments throughout the APIL Pacific is the election process; and

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

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

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

10 **WHEREAS**, in November of 2022, the voters of the FSM States of Yap and
11 Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI took to the polls to
12 vote for their Governors to serve in their respective jurisdictions; and

13 **WHEREAS**, these elections resulted in the election of the Honorable Charles
14 Chieng as Governor of the FSM State of Yap, the Honorable Tulensa W. Palik of the
15 FSM State of Kosrae, the Honorable Josh Green of the US State of Hawaii, the
16 Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero of the Island of Guam, and the Honorable Arnold Palacios
17 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and


18 **WHEREAS**, these elections endowed the successful candidates with new visions
19 and new directives for how their administrations will address not only the executive
20 challenges of their own islands, but also the challenges of economic development,

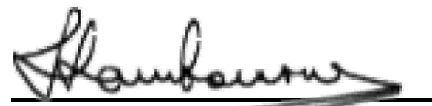
1 governmental reform and a multitude of other matters and concerns of the entire APIL
2 Pacific; now, therefore,

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 62nd Board
4 of Directors Meeting, April 5-6, 2023, FSM State of Kosrae, that the Board of Directors,
5 on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends our heartiest
6 congratulations to the successful Governors in the recent elections in the FSM States of
7 Yap and Kosrae, the US State of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
9 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
10 transmitted to each of the Governors of the FSM States of Yap and Kosrae, the US State
11 of Hawaii, the Island of Guam, and the CNMI; and to the Presiding Legislative Officers
12 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

