



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-11, CD1

“Requesting the President of the APIL to create a special Task Force to research and report to the next General Assembly on pressing matters relating to the organization and operations of Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.”

1 **WHEREAS**, we are proud of the fact that for over forty years the Association of
2 Pacific Island Legislatures has existed as an organization of the elected representatives of
3 the Pacific Island peoples who have joined together to address, in depth, the substantive
4 regional and international issues facing our emerging Pacific governments; and

5 **WHEREAS**, gazing back at past experiences and looking up toward the future,
6 the need for assistance by those with experience and expertise in specialized areas of
7 economic development, health, education, human resources and a host of other fields of
8 legislative interest is becoming well recognized by the Association, given the multitude
9 of topics on which the Association must deliberate; and

10 **WHEREAS**, networking with other inter-governmental associations, with public
11 interest groups and with the private sector can add immeasurably to obtaining success in
12 the work of the APIL; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the advantages of networking cannot be over-emphasized, but its
14 costs cannot be ignored; for we must acknowledge that

15 **WHEREAS**, throughout the last four decades, the APIL has successfully met the
16 challenges to remain financially viable, but today we are faced with a radically new and
17 very real challenge for in 2023 there exists a global inflation of approximately 30% on
18 commodities and services which is affecting the operational budget of every government,
19 every public service association, and every non-governmental organization throughout
20 the world; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures is deeply cognizant
2 of the effects of inflation on its own operations as well as the governmental operations of
3 the APIL Member Jurisdictions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the operations costs of the Association of the Pacific Island
5 Legislatures are chiefly made up of contractual services, travel, the rental and
6 maintenance of the APIL Headquarters on the Island of Guam, as well as the necessary
7 logistical and technical support of hosting General Assemblies and Board of Directors
8 Meetings of the APIL; and

9 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Board of Directors of the Association of the
10 Pacific Island Legislatures that it is the most suitable time to research a viable means of
11 promoting and financing networking opportunities for our Association while at the same
12 time identifying the appropriate level of dues to be assessed for the privilege of APIL
13 membership; now, therefore,

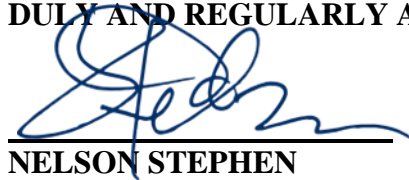
14 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 62nd
15 Board of Directors Meeting, FSM State of Kosrae, April 5-6, 2023, that the President of
16 the APIL is respectfully requested to appoint a special Task Force to research and
17 identify organizational and structural changes for our Association, inclusive of the
18 necessary amendments to the bylaws of the APIL to provide for:

- 19 • An official category of “Observer Status” which will be reserved for those inter-
20 governmental associations, public interest groups and private sector entities
21 which wish to be recognized as mentors, advisers, consultants and supporters of
22 the mission and the work of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and
- 23 • An appropriate level and collection of official dues for membership in the
24 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures which takes into account the high costs
25 of inflation that the global inflation is imposing on the operations of the APIL;
26 and

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President is hereby requested to
28 charge the special Task Force with mandate for the Task Force to submit a
29 comprehensive report on its findings and recommendations as to its two assignments as
30 set forth herein to the 40th General Assembly of the APIL which is scheduled to convene
31 later this year; 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 be
3 thereafter transmitted to all the APIL Board of Directors, and to the Chief Executive and
4 Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the APIL.

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



**NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT**



**TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY**

