



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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FSM, State of Chuuk
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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-14

“Conveying heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the late Palauan Delegate and former Member of the Board of Directors of the APIL, the Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes, for his untimely passing, and to memorialize his public services and contributions to the Republic of Palau and to the APIL Pacific.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes was born to his
2 parents, the late Mr. Louis O. Ngemaes and Mrs. Theodosia R. Ngemaes, in Koror
3 State, Republic of Palau, on August 30, 1966; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes worked for
5 Continental Airlines and United Airlines, both in Palau and abroad, for nearly twenty-
6 four years, serving as the General Manager based in Palau during the last seven years of
7 his tenure with the airlines until his retirement in 2011; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes also served on the
9 Board of Directors for the Palau Chamber of Commerce and the Palau Accountancy
10 Board during his tenure with Continental Airlines and United Airlines; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes began his political
12 journey by his election to represent the great State of Aimeliik in the House of
13 Delegates of the Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulaum motivated by his belief that being a member
14 of the House of Delegates would enable him to make a positive difference in the lives of
15 Palauans; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes was re-elected in
17 2016 to the House of Delegates of the Tenth Olbiil Era Kelulau to serve a second term
18 as the delegate for the people and State of Aimeliik; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes made multiple,
20 significant legislative contributions, including legislation enacting the Pristine Paradise
21 Environmental Fee (PPEF) in which the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes was

1 instrumental in ensuring the timely and efficient collection by building it into the airline
2 ticket and mandating the airlines with respective authority to collect the PPEF; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes worked closely with
4 the community to build close ties with the aviation and tourism industries to strengthen
5 partnerships to elevate the quality of services available in, or related to, Palau closer to
6 the forefront of high-value tourism and tourist connectivity worldwide; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes inspired many in
8 the Republic with his overall work and was a pivotal figure who shaped policies and
9 guidelines concerning Palau's tourism, aviation, commerce, trade, and other key
10 development sectors, in a way that sought to ensure that Palau excels and provides an
11 environment that encourages the economic and business development, which ensures
12 that Palauans may move freely between Palau and overseas, may establish their own
13 businesses and reap the financial benefits, and may enjoy quality goods and services
14 available in Palau; and

15 **WHEREAS**, throughout his congressional career, the late Honorable Marino
16 Oiterong Ngemaes represented the Palau National Congress as part of multiple
17 delegations on official visits to Guam, CNMI, Kiribati, the Federated States of
18 Micronesia, the United States of America, Vietnam and the Republic of China (Taiwan)
19 to expand and strengthen bilateral and multilateral relations and mutual cooperation on
20 key infrastructure development projects (concerning various topical areas, including
21 tourism, aviation, agriculture, aquaculture, education, health care, renewable energy,
22 vocational training) and concerning missions to craft legislation recognizing or clearly
23 stating a national position on important, current or emerging, economic and political
24 matters, which required the participation and support of Palau in the international arenas
25 such as at the United Nations and its specialized agencies (for example, the World
26 Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and the United
27 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change); in regional arenas such as the
28 Pacific Islands Forum; and in sub-regional arenas such as the Association of Pacific
29 Island Legislatures; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes faithfully served as
2 an active Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
3 Legislatures and contributed mightily to the accomplishments of our association; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes's service to the
5 Republic of Palau and the APIL Pacific was accomplished with consistent forward
6 thinking and with humility, dignity, and passion in all his endeavors, and was
7 instrumental to the lives and wellbeing of innumerable Palauans and Micronesians; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes will be forever
9 remembered as a true inspiration and example of upstanding citizenry, with all the
10 qualities and characteristics of a citizen dedicated to making a positive impact upon our
11 APIL communities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Marino Oiterong Ngemaes was surrounded by
13 his loved ones when he was finally called to his eternal rest on Wednesday, March 8,
14 2023, at the Belau National Hospital; now, therefore

15 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific
16 Island Legislatures, 62nd Board Meeting, April 5-6, 2023, that the Board of Directors,
17 on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby conveys heartfelt
18 sympathies and condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the late Palauan
19 Delegate and former Member of the Board of Directors of the APIL, the Honorable
20 Marino Oiterong Ngemaes, for his untimely passing, and to memorialize his public
21 services and contributions to the Republic of Palau and to the APIL Pacific; and

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- 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 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
4 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**

