



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-16

“Expressing the Association of the Pacific Island Legislature’s utmost gratitude to Mrs. Lindsay Timarong, Mr. Jim Espaldon, Mr. Christopher Sampson, Mr. Wilfred Alik M.D., Dean Roseann Jones, Mr. Charlie Hermosa and the PMBA Students of the University of Guam for their insightful presentations at the 62nd Board of Directors Meeting.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Association of the
2 Pacific Island Legislatures convened in Kosrae, FSM for its 62nd Board of Directors
3 meeting; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors commenced its official business at 10:00AM
5 of April 5, 2023 with the aforementioned individuals presentations of the invited guests;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lindsay Timarong, the President and CEO of the Pacific Islands
8 Development Bank (PIDB), reported on the financial updates and the progresses made by
9 the PIDB since the last Board of Directors Meeting and the loan services the Bank makes
10 available throughout its territory; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jim Espaldon presented on the goals and the mission of the
12 AYUDA Foundation, sharing great insights of the AYUDA Foundation with the 62nd
13 Board of Directors, the successes of the AYUDA Foundation and the AYUDA
14 Foundation’s collaborations with other non-governmental organizations seeking to bring
15 in more medical assistance from the US, expanding the works of the Wings for Life
16 Program, and assistance of school supplies; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Christopher Sampson of the Digital Society Foundation provided
18 a very insightful presentation on the potentials of a safe digitally connected Pacific –
19 highlighting the three necessary policy zones required for a digitally connected Pacific

1 which he identified as (1)infrastructure, (2) skills for digital literacy, and (3) Pacific led
2 systems; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Dean Roseann Jones, Mr. Charlie Hermosa and their students of the
4 University of Guam’s Professional Masters of Business Administration Cohort 18,
5 Chirag Bhojwani, Hazel Estrellado, Michelle Puno, Justin Andre, Jimi Guevara Taitano,
6 Maiko Nakamura, Camarin Cabral, Christian Valencia, Reylynn Sapong presented their
7 capstone project known as the Project HoverX at the 62nd Board of Directors Meeting;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Project HoverX was an aerial drone testing project of delivery of
10 medical supplies from Kitti, Pohnpei to Ahnd Atoll located outside the lagoon of
11 Pohnpei; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the drone testing project yielded results which are of interest to all
13 APIL Member Jurisdictions for a faster delivery method for necessities to isolated atolls
14 of APIL Member Jurisdictions; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Wilfred Alik M.D. presented on the work he’s doing with
16 Community Health Centers throughout the FSM, with the hope that they will be able to
17 come up with solutions for the ongoing health disparities that exist within our FAS
18 Communities living in the States and Territories; and

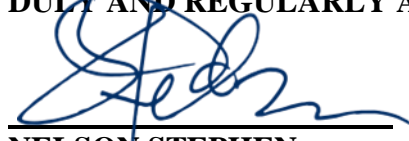
19 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of the Board of Directors that all presenters have shared
20 informative and helpful presentations which have illuminated policy ideas for each
21 Member Jurisdiction of the APIL; now, therefore,

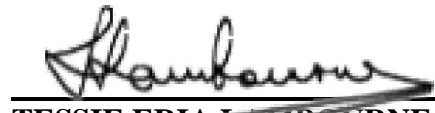
22 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of
23 Pacific Island Legislatures, at its 62nd Board Meeting, April 5-6, 2023, FSM State of
24 Kosrae, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island
25 Legislatures, hereby commends and expresses the genuine gratitude of the Association
26 of the Pacific Island Legislatures for each of the presenters of the Association’s 62nd
27 Board of Directors Meeting; and

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
29 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same
30 shall be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Lindsay Timarong; Mr. Jim Espaldon; Mr.

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- 1 Christopher Sampson; Mr. Wilfred Alik M.D.; Dean Roseann Jones, Mr. Charlie
2 Hermosa, and to the Chief Executive and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member
3 jurisdiction of the APIL.

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


NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT


TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY

