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A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 63-BOD-14

“Expressing utmost sympathy and extending sincerest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Honorable Senator Esly Kanto for his untimely passing.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto was born on April 3, 1966; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto was born into the family of Kanto Aimin
3 and Youne Kanemoto, with 3 brothers and 4 sisters; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto commenced his educational journey at the
5 Foson Annex Elementary School in Wichukuno, Tol, Chuuk State; and completed his
6 primary education at the St. Julia Elementary School in Netutu, Tol, Chuuk State in 1981;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto attended the prestigious Xavier High
9 School, Weno Chuuk State from 1981 to 1985; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto commenced his post-secondary education
11 at the Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon before he further continued his
12 post-secondary education at the Western Oregon State College, and he later completed his
13 post-secondary education at the Brigham Young University in Hawaii, where he obtained
14 his Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto started his career working for the
16 Department of Education in the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and later moved back to

1 the State of Chuuk and continued working for the Chuuk State Department of Education;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto was elected to represent his Senatorial
4 Region in the Twelfth Chuuk State Legislature; and continued serving in the Thirteenth,
5 Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Chuuk State Legislature; and

6 **WHEREAS**, as a member of the Chuuk State Legislature, the late Senator Esly
7 Kanto served on various Senate committees. He served as the Chairman on the Senate
8 Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Relations (JGR) in the Twelfth and Fourteenth
9 Chuuk State Legislature; as the Vice Chairman on the Senate JGR Committee in the
10 Thirteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Chuuk State Legislature; and also served as the Floor
11 Leader of the Senate in the Fifteenth Chuuk State Legislature; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 2021, the late Senator Esly Kanto represented the Senate of the
13 Sixteenth Chuuk State Legislature on the APIL Board of Directors; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his years of service in the Chuuk State Government as
15 an elected official, the late Senator Esly Kanto was an ordained Pastor at the Island
16 Community Church (ICC) of Weno, Chuuk State; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto was deeply involved and influential in his
18 community, in his Church and in the development of his Senatorial Region and the State of
19 Chuuk as a whole; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto was a humble and compassionate leader
21 who dedicated years of his life to public service, representing and serving his Senatorial
22 Region, Faichuk Region, in the Chuuk State Legislature; and further represented the Senate
23 in the APIL Board of Directors; and

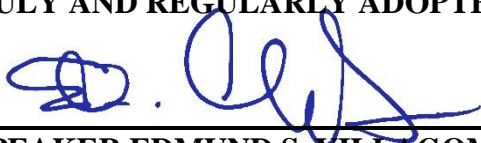
1 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto was called to his eternal resting place on
2 January 27, 2024 at approximately 2:30 P.M. at the Chuuk State Hospital on Weno; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Esly Kanto is survived by his wife Kayleen Takiri
4 Kanto, his 10 children and 7 grandchildren, and his parents Kanto Aimin and Youne
5 Kanemoto; now, therefore,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island
7 Legislatures, 63rd Board Meeting, February 25-May 2, 2024, State of Yap, Federated States
8 of Micronesia, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Islands
9 Legislature, hereby expresses its utmost sympathy and sincere condolences to the family,
10 and friends of the late Honorable Senator Esly Kanto for his untimely passing; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
12 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter
13 transmitted to Mrs. Kayleen Takiri Kanto, wife of the late Honorable Esly Kanto; the
14 Honorable Alexander Narruhn, Governor of the State of Chuuk; the Honorable Arno H.
15 Kony, President of the Senate, and the Honorable Lester D. Mersai, Speaker of the House
16 of Representatives of the Seventeenth Chuuk State Legislature; and to the Chief Executives
17 and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the APIL.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024



SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
ACTING PRESIDENT



TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY

