



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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. 63-BOD-17

“Expressing the Association of the Pacific Island Legislature’s utmost respect, honor, and acknowledgement of the life and commitment of the late Senator Paliknoa K. Welly and conveying deepest condolences to his wife Shrue, families and friends.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Paliknoa K. Welly was born on the December 24, 1951
2 and raised in the Municipality of Lelu in the FSM State of Kosrae; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Paliknoa K. Welly started his education at the Lelu
4 Elementary School in Kosrae and graduated as the class Valedictorian in July 1967 and
5 furthered his education at the Kosrae High School where he graduated once again as the
6 class Valedictorian in August 1971 and also continued on to pursue higher education at the
7 United States International University (USIU) in San Diego, California, United States of
8 America; and

9 **WHEREAS**, while attending College in the United States of America, the late
10 Senator Paliknoa K. Welly, opted to shift paths in his personal interests from school to enlist
11 in the United States Armed Forces in which he served in the United States Marine Corps at
12 Camp Pendleton, where he was assigned to Field Artillery as Fire Direction Control Man,
13 which he held this position until his honorable discharged in August 1978 and was awarded
14 the Meritorious Masts Award; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Paliknoa K. Welly never gave up on his aspirations to
16 complete his education which he successfully achieved when he graduated in 1994 at the
17 California State University (CSU) with a Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice/Law
18 Enforcement; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Paliknoa K. Welly decided to return to his homeland
20 and began his civil services in 1995 for the State Government of Kosrae as the

1 Administrative Officer for the Department of Education for three (3) years and upon further
2 attaining his educational achievements, he accepted the position of Community Research
3 Development Officer/Teen Counselor for the College of Micronesia—Land Grant Kosrae
4 Office in 1999 for the next three (3) years; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2001 and 2005, the late Senator Paliknoa K. Welly was admitted to
6 the Kosrae State Bar Association and the FSM Bar Association, respectively, and with such
7 an astounding accomplishment, he pursued other work opportunities significantly related to
8 his educational background which included obtaining the position of Chief Prosecutor for
9 the Kosrae Attorney General’s Office and Environmental Lawyer for the Kosrae Island
10 Resource Management Authority (KIRMA); and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 the late Senator Paliknoa Welly was elected by the people of
12 Kosrae as Kosrae State’s two-year representative to the 15th FSM Congress, where he
13 remained a faithful and dedicated public servant to the people of Kosrae for the next 8 terms
14 in Congress, serving in various capacities, most notably as Vice Speaker of the 18th FSM
15 Congress, Chairman of the Committee on External Affairs and Chairman of the Kosrae
16 Delegation to the FSM Congress; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Paliknoa Welly did not serve only in the Government,
18 but also devoted himself to the Ministry of Christ through the Kosrae Congregational
19 Church Christian Endeavor (Etawi Walung), where he passionately ministered and
20 dedicated himself until his passing; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the late Senator Paliknoa Welly is survived by his wife Shruie
22 Ringtonga and his children: 2 sons, Kilafwakun and Arthy; and 1 daughter Wilmina and
23 their grandchildren; now, therefore,

24 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the APIL Board of Directors, 63rd Board of Directors
25 Meeting in the State of Yap, FSM, February 25 – March 2, 2024, that the Board, on behalf
26 of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby expresses their deep sadness
27 and extend their sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the esteemed
28 member of the FSM Congress, the late Paliknoa Welly, for his untimely passing, and his
29 unwavering dedication, tireless commitment, and profound impact on the community, state
30 and nation will be sorely missed, and the loss of such a respected figure leaves a void in the


1 hearts of many, but their legacy of service and commitment to making positive difference
2 will endure; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
4 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be thereafter
5 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member
6 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

