



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
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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. 64-BOD-01

“Respectfully calling on the Board of Directors to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review the By-Laws and the Rules of Procedure of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL or Association)
2 By-Laws, inclusive of the Rules of Procedure, were officially adopted to establish the rules
3 governing the operations of this esteemed body; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the most recent amendment to the APIL By-Laws was made on
5 December 2, 2005; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since 2005, a number of resolutions have been duly adopted by the
7 Board of Directors during their annual meetings, as well as by the members present at the
8 annual General Assembly, which amend the duties and responsibilities of this Association;
9 however, these changes have not yet been reflected in the By-Laws; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is crucial for the APIL By-Laws to be reviewed in order to
11 incorporate all resolutions adopted since 2005, ensuring that the operations and objectives
12 of this Association align with the intentions of past, current, and future members of this
13 respected body; and

14 **WHEREAS**, during the 63rd Board of Directors Meeting, it became clear that the
15 procedures for conducting the Board of Directors Meeting differ from those of the General
16 Assembly, that raised several concerns about how this august body should proceed with its
17 operations in the future; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the APIL By-Laws are essential for maintaining order and providing
19 direction to the members of this Association, recognizing that membership is dependent on

1 specific appointments and transitions in legislative leadership after elections within our
2 island jurisdictions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, after nearly two decades since the last amendment, a comprehensive
4 review and update to the By-Laws is necessary to address the needs of this Association as a
5 unified voice of the Blue Continent; now, therefore,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island
7 Legislatures, 64th Board of Directors meeting, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands,
8 February 25-26, 2025, that the APIL Board of Directors hereby establishes an Ad Hoc
9 Committee to review the APIL By-Laws and the Rules of Procedure; and

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of no
11 more than five members and one alternate member, appointed by the APIL President, to
12 report their findings and recommendations at the 42nd General Assembly; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
14 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter
15 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member
16 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025



SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
PRESIDENT



SENATOR VICTOR BAMOG
SECRETARY

