APIL Resolution No. 35-GA-12

"Extending the sincere congratulations of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the Ayuda Foundation on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary of providing medical, educational, and humanitarian supplies and assistance to people in need throughout the Pacific."

1 WHEREAS, on 10th day of April, 1996, due to the untiring efforts of Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Chairperson of the APIL Committee on Health and Environment, in partnership with Continental Micronesia, Inc. and Dr. Michael Cruz, the Ayuda Foundation was born; and

2 WHEREAS, Ayuda, which in the Chamorro language means "to help and be of assistance," is a non-profit organization and non-governmental entity that exists to provide medical, educational, and humanitarian supplies and assistance to the people in need in the twelve jurisdictions that make up the membership of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures; and

3 WHEREAS, over the twenty years of its existence, the Ayuda Foundation has been championing the rights and needs of the underprivileged and has gained the admirable reputation as being the first responder, taking immediate action to fly and ship supplies and equipment during emergencies when the islands and peoples of the APIL member jurisdictions have been ravaged by the destructive forces of typhoons and other natural calamities; and

4 WHEREAS, in responding to such disasters, the Ayuda Foundation has been
instrumental in expeditiously transporting more than 40-foot ocean containers of donations to help our people and our communities in their times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, throughout the last twenty years, the Ayuda Foundation has greatly expanded its range of services in response to the ever-changing needs to our area of the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the services that the Ayuda Foundation now brings to the Pacific include the Wings of Life program; the Island Girl Power project; the Broken Crayon program; the Operation Sewing Basket program; and its website program, Prutehi I Tano Yan I Tasi; and

WHEREAS, the Ayuda Foundation has faithfully attended the General Assemblies, Board meetings, and other events of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures and has been the focus of numerous resolutions of gratitude by the APIL for the wonderful humanitarian services that the Foundation is constantly and consistently providing to our people; and

WHEREAS, there is little doubt of the tremendous support that the Ayuda Foundation has provided to the islands and people of the APIL member jurisdictions, and for that we are truly grateful; but, perhaps, the greatest gift that the Ayuda Foundation has given to our people cannot be measured in pounds of food or containers of supplies; and

WHEREAS, this is because of the old adage that it is better to give than to receive; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Ayuda Foundation is dependent on the generous support and donations of a multitude of individuals, private businesses, governmental agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who unselfishly give of their time, their services, and their properties at the call of the Ayuda Foundation to come to the immediate aid of our people in need; and
WHEREAS, the bonds of friendship and the feelings of goodwill that are continuously emerging through the inclusive efforts of the Ayuda Foundation will have a long-lasting and very positive effect on our region, our islands, our communities, and our families, all of which improves the quality, wellbeing, and security of the lives of all whom the Foundation has touched with its message of love, compassion, and caring; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35th General Assembly, Island of Guam, June 1-3, 2016, that this Assembly hereby extends its sincere congratulations to the Ayuda Foundation on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary of providing medical, educational, and humanitarian supplies and assistance to people in need throughout the APIL member jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the Chairman and each member of the Board of Directors of the Ayuda Foundation, to Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Executive Director of the Ayuda Foundation, and to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3rd DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY