A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 54-BOD-05, CD1

“Extending the deepest compassion and concern of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to the people of the Republic of Palau who have suffered so severely from the devastating effects of Super Typhoon Haiyan.”

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of Thursday, November 7, 2013, the Republic of Palau began experiencing the swirling winds and pounding downpours of what would soon become known as Super Typhoon Haiyan; and

WHEREAS, as the day progressed into the afternoon and evening hours, the center of this super typhoon passed less than ten miles from the island of Kayangel, the northern most state of the Republic of Palau, and only seventy miles from Palau’s largest city of Koror; and

WHEREAS, as Super Typhoon Haiyan swept over the islands of the Republic of Palau, it created havoc and caused damage in twelve of the sixteen states of the country; and

WHEREAS, the State of Kayangel was the hardest hit of the Palauan states and was the most severely affected jurisdiction within the Republic having suffered from the most vicious onslaught of the ravaging winds and devastating rains of Super Typhoon Haiyan; and

WHEREAS, as the storm flung its fury against the islands, all of the people of Kayangel State had to be evacuated from their island homes, leaving behind them a scene of utter devastation where all the agricultural crops and livestock were severely damaged, power and water services were completely lost, and almost all of the infrastructure of the state was destroyed; and

WHEREAS, other parts of the Republic of Palau experienced significant damage as well, with the cost of the destruction from the storm throughout the Republic estimated to be about five hundred million dollars; and
WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau has been fortunate to have received international
assistance from the United States, Taiwan and Australia and more aid is promised in the coming
months, but the cost to the Palauan people cannot be measured in dollars alone, for lives and
communities have been shattered by the devastation of the storm; and

WHEREAS, despite the depths of the calamity that has struck them, the people of Palau
are fighting back with commitment and resolve to restore their islands to their former natural
beauty and to rebuild their communities to their vibrant expressions of the joy of life that
existed before the onslaught of the storm; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 54th Board of
Directors Meeting, Island of Guam, December 4-6, 2013, that the Board of Directors of the
Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby extends our deepest compassion and concern
to the people of the Republic of Palau who have suffered so severely from the devastating
effects of Super Typhoon Haiyan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors takes cognizance of, and
expresses appreciation for the generous assistance that the international donors have contributed
and will continue to contribute to the restoration of the Republic of Palau from the devastating
impacts of Super Typhoon Haiyan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, most importantly, the Board of Directors is
deeply impressed by the courage and resolve of the Palauan people to survive the ravages of the
storm, and we all take immense pride in the rebounding spirit of our brothers and sisters in our
APIL Pacific country of Palau as they begin to restore their islands and rebuild their island
communities to their former glory; 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 President of the Republic of Palau, the Presiding Officers of the Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau National Congress); Governor, Speaker and the Traditional Leaders of the State of Kayangel and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the APIL Member Jurisdictions and to such other officials and entities as the APIL President, in consultation with the leaders of the Republic of Palau, deems appropriate.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.  
PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY