Resolution No. 56-BOD-01

"Expressing gratitude to the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for assisting the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in restoring utility services to the people of Saipan after the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor."

WHEREAS, on August 2nd 2015, the island of Saipan was severely devastated by Typhoon Soudelor; and

WHEREAS, the ravaging devastation caused by Typhoon Soudelor traumatized the residents of Saipan and severely inhibited the daily routine of their public businesses and the vitality of their utility services; and

WHEREAS, the road to restoration proved to be a lengthy and gruesome experience for all of the residents of Saipan, and most especially to the hardworking utility workers; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation worked rigorously and tirelessly within their means to restore electrical and water utility services, but the level of destruction proved overwhelming and beyond the capacity of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; and

WHEREAS, attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with the longstanding traditions of the member jurisdictions of the APIL, the Republic of Palau, the States of the FSM, and the Territory of Guam, all member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, collectively offered and provided needed assistance to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and especially its Commonwealth Utilities Corporation; and

WHEREAS, despite the extremely harsh working conditions, the utility crews from member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures worked diligently and relentlessly,
along with and in support of the utility crews of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, to return
Saipan’s utility services back to their normal functioning capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the employees that were tasked by member jurisdictions of the Association of
Pacific Island Legislatures to supplement Saipan’s efforts in restoring our utilities proved to be
crucial in accelerating the restoration process for the Commonwealth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island
Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board
of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends our
gratitude to the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for their
collective efforts in collaborating with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation in restoring the utility services back to the people of Saipan
after the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor; 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
Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Presiding Officers of the
Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Chief Executive Officer
of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding
Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY