Resolution No. 56-BOD-08

"Extending the sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the APIL Board of Directors to the founder, organizers and members of the Ayuda Foundation team and to the many other concerned companies, organizations and persons who worked with Ayuda for their swift response and deep commitment to help the distressed residents of the northern islands and atolls of the FSM States of Chuuk and Yap to survive the aftermath of Typhoon Maysak, to restore their homes and public facilities, and to rehabilitate their lives and communities."

WHEREAS, in the first week of April, 2015, Typhoon Maysak swept through the northern islands and atolls of the FSM States of Chuuk and Yap with devastating forces of destruction; and

WHEREAS, news of the destruction in Chuuk and Yap was heard by the non-governmental relief organization “Ayuda Foundation” in Guam which, without the necessity of formal request or prompting, immediately sprang to action; and

WHEREAS, through satellite and radio transmissions and by the aerial photographs taken by PMA aircraft flying overhead, the Ayuda Foundation was able to quickly access the terrible degree of destruction that had been inflicted on the affected islands and atolls and to swiftly formulate an action plan for the collection of emergency food rations, potable water supplies and other necessary relief items to be containerized and shipped to the islands and atolls most severely affected by the typhoon; and

WHEREAS, Ayuda’s swift action and determined efforts to meet the needs of the people of these devastated islands and atolls was made possible not only through the resolve, commitment and dedication of the members of the Ayuda team, but also through the kind,
generous and caring network of shipping and transportation companies and entities that came
to assistance of the people of Chuuk and Yap through the organizational efforts of Ayuda;
and

WHEREAS, between the months of April and July 2015, through the concerted
efforts of the Ayuda team and its network of shipping and transportation companies and
entities, a total of 26 containers filled with relief and rehabilitation supplies were transported
to the devastated islands and atolls of Chuuk and Yap; 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 sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the founder, organizers
and members of the Ayuda Foundation team for their swift response and deep commitment to
help the distressed residents of the northern islands and atolls of the FSM States of Chuuk
and Yap to survive the aftermath of Typhoon Maysak, to restore their homes and public
facilities, and to rehabilitate their lives and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses its
sincere appreciation to the many Guam businesses, government agencies, NGO’s, and school
children who worked tirelessly to seek out and collect donations of emergency rations of
food, water, school supplies, mosquito nets and medicines for the distressed citizens of
Chuuk and Yap; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses its
sincere appreciation to Matson Shipping Line for the transport of the containers of relief to
the FSM States of Chuuk and Yap, to Pacific Missionary Aviation for their airplane services
and that of their ship the *Sea Haven*, and to Pacific Island Movers and Pacific Trucking for
moving and packing the many containers of relief items; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses a
special appreciation to IRN, a supplier of surplus school furniture in the U.S. State of
Washington, for its most generous donation of badly needed desks and other school
furnishings to replace those that had been lost or badly damaged when the school buildings
were blown apart by Typhoon Maysak; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses a
special appreciation to Matson Shipping Line for its very generous act of kindness in
providing for the transport without charge of the containers of school furnishings donated by
IRN in Washington State all the way from the West Coast of the U.S.A. to the Micronesian
ports close to the islands and atolls of devastation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses
appreciation to the U. S. Coast Guard and especially the captain and crew of the Coast Guard
vessel *Sequoia* which carried needed relief and rehabilitation supplies to the outer islands of
Chuuk State; 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 founder and chief of operations of the Ayuda Foundation, to the chief executive officer of
IRN in Washington State, to the chief executive officer of Matson Shipping Line, to the
chief executive officers of Pacific Island Movers and Pacific Trucking, to the chief executive
officer of Pacific Missionary Aviation, to the pilot of the PMA plane that helped in the storm
assessment and relief efforts, to the captain of the PMA vessel *Sea Haven*, to the captain of
the U.S. Coast Guard vessel *Sequoia*, to the chief executives and presiding legislative officers
of each of the local governments of the islands and atolls of Chuuk and Yap that were
devastated by Typhoon Maysak and that obtained relief through the efforts of the Ayuda
Foundation and its partners, to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of
each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, and to such
other organizations and personages as the APIL President deems appropriate.

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

KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT

FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY