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A RESOLUTION

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
2 Guerrero, Chairperson of the APIL Committee on Health and Environment, in partnership with
3 Continental Micronesia, Inc. and Dr. Michael Cruz, the *Ayuda* Foundation was born; and

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

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

14 **WHEREAS**, in responding to such disasters, the *Ayuda* Foundation has been

1 instrumental in expeditiously transporting more than 40-foot ocean containers of donations to
2 help our people and our communities in their times of crisis; and

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

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

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

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

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


18 **WHEREAS**, the work of the *Ayuda* Foundation is dependent on the generous support
19 and donations of a multitude of individuals, private businesses, governmental agencies, and non-
20 governmental organizations (NGOs) who unselfishly give of their time, their services, and their
21 properties at the call of the *Ayuda* Foundation to come to the immediate aid of our people in
22 need; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the bonds of friendship and the feelings of goodwill that are continuously
2 emerging through the inclusive efforts of the *Ayuda* Foundation will have a long-lasting and very
3 positive effect on our region, our islands, our communities, and our families, all of which
4 improves the quality, wellbeing, and security of the lives of all whom the Foundation has
5 touched with its message of love, compassion, and caring; now, therefore,

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

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

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


KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT


FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

