



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
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FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
FSM, State of Yap
Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 40-GA-01

“Expressing gratitude to the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for assisting the island government and the people of Guam after the devastation of Typhoon Mawar”.

1 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam declared a state of Emergency on May 21, 2023,
2 through Executive Order No. 2023-02 upon anticipating the approach of Typhoon Mawar;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS** on the night of May 24, 2023, the strike of Typhoon Mawar made
5 landfall in Guam with sustained winds of approximately 150 miles per hour which is the
6 strongest to strike the island in at least two decades; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Typhoon Mawar ruthlessly devastated the island of Guam leaving
8 behind an obstructed landscape, congesting essential routes, and jeopardizing the safety
9 of her island residents; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the road to restoration proved to be a lengthy and gruesome
11 experience for all of the residents of Guam, and most especially for all the hardworking
12 utility workers; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Power Authority worked tirelessly and rigorously within
14 their means to restore electrical services; however, the level of destruction done to the
15 island proved to require more time beyond the capacity of the Guam Power Authority;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concerns and in full accord with our longstanding
18 traditions, the member jurisdictions of the APIL collectively offered assistance, most
19 especially the Government of Pohnpei State and the Government of Commonwealth of
20 the Northern Mariana Islands and their utilities corporations, for supporting the island of
21 Guam with outstanding crews; now, therefore,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 40th General
23 Assembly, FSM State of Chuuk, October 18-20, 2023, that the Association of Pacific
24 Island Legislatures hereby expresses its gratitude to the member jurisdictions of the
25 APIL, and most especially the Government of Pohnpei State and the Government of

1 commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and their utilities corporations, for
2 assisting the island government and the people of Guam after the devastation of Typhoon
3 Mawar; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL
5 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
6 shall be thereafter transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers
7 of each member jurisdiction of the APIL.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.



**NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT**



**TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY**

