



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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## 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.”**

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

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

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

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

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

17       **WHEREAS**, other parts of the Republic of Palau experienced significant damage as  
18 well, with the cost of the destruction from the storm throughout the Republic estimated to be  
19 about five hundred million dollars; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau has been fortunate to have received international  
2 assistance from the United States, Taiwan and Australia and more aid is promised in the coming  
3 months, but the cost to the Palauan people cannot be measured in dollars alone, for lives and  
4 communities have been shattered by the devastation of the storm; and

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

9       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 54<sup>th</sup> Board of  
10 Directors Meeting, Island of Guam, December 4-6, 2013, that the Board of Directors of the  
11 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures hereby extends our deepest compassion and concern  
12 to the people of the Republic of Palau who have suffered so severely from the devastating  
13 effects of Super Typhoon Hiyan; and

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

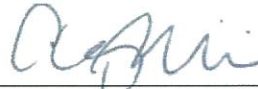
18       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, most importantly, the Board of Directors is  
19 deeply impressed by the courage and resolve of the Palauan people to survive the ravages of the  
20 storm, and we all take immense pride in the rebounding spirit of our brothers and sisters in our  
21 APIL Pacific country of Palau as they begin to restore their islands and rebuild their island  
22 communities to their former glory; and

1        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the APIL  
2 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to  
3 the President of the Republic of Palau, the Presiding Officers of the Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau  
4 National Congress); Governor, Speaker and the Traditional Leaders of the State of Kayangel  
5 and to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of the APIL Member  
6 Jurisdictions and to such other officials and entities as the APIL President, in consultation with  
7 the leaders of the Republic of Palau, deems appropriate.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.**



**JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.**  
**PRESIDENT**



**CHANG WILLIAM**  
**SECRETARY**

