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Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
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A RESOLUTION

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.”

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

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

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

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

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

16 **WHEREAS**, despite the extremely harsh working conditions, the utility crews from member
17 jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures worked diligently and relentlessly,

1 along with and in support of the utility crews of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, to return
2 Saipan's utility services back to their normal functioning capabilities; and

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

6 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of the Pacific Island
7 Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3, 2015, that the Board
8 of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby extends our
9 gratitude to the member jurisdictions of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for their
10 collective efforts in collaborating with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its
11 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation in restoring the utility services back to the people of Saipan
12 after the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
14 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to the
15 Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Presiding Officers of the
16 Legislature of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianna Islands, to the Chief Executive Officer
17 of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding
18 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

