



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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

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.”

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

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

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

13 **WHEREAS**, Ayuda’s swift action and determined efforts to meet the needs of the
14 people of these devastated islands and atolls was made possible not only through the resolve,
15 commitment and dedication of the members of the Ayuda team, but also through the kind,

1 generous and caring network of shipping and transportation companies and entities that came
2 to assistance of the people of Chuuk and Yap through the organizational efforts of Ayuda;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, between the months of April and July 2015, through the concerted
5 efforts of the Ayuda team and its network of shipping and transportation companies and
6 entities, a total of 26 containers filled with relief and rehabilitation supplies were transported
7 to the devastated islands and atolls of Chuuk and Yap; now, therefore

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of the
9 Pacific Island Legislatures, 56th Board of Directors Meeting, State of Kosrae, December 2-3,
10 2015, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of the Pacific Island
11 Legislatures, hereby extends our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the founder, organizers
12 and members of the Ayuda Foundation team for their swift response and deep commitment to
13 help the distressed residents of the northern islands and atolls of the FSM States of Chuuk
14 and Yap to survive the aftermath of Typhoon Maysak, to restore their homes and public
15 facilities, and to rehabilitate their lives and communities; and

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

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses its
22 sincere appreciation to Matson Shipping Line for the transport of the containers of relief to
23 the FSM States of Chuuk and Yap, to Pacific Missionary Aviation for their airplane services

1 and that of their ship the *Sea Haven*, and to Pacific Island Movers and Pacific Trucking for
2 moving and packing the many containers of relief items; and

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

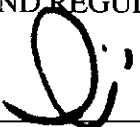
8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses a
9 special appreciation to Matson Shipping Line for its very generous act of kindness in
10 providing for the transport without charge of the containers of school furnishings donated by
11 IRN in Washington State all the way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

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL Board of Directors also expresses
14 appreciation to the U. S. Coast Guard and especially the captain and crew of the Coast Guard
15 vessel *Sequoia* which carried needed relief and rehabilitation supplies to the outer islands of
16 Chuuk State; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL
18 Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be transmitted to
19 the founder and chief of operations of the Ayuda Foundation, to the chief executive officer of
20 IRN in Washington State, to the chief executive officer of Matson Shipping Line, to the
21 chief executive officers of Pacific Island Movers and Pacific Trucking, to the chief executive
22 officer of Pacific Missionary Aviation, to the pilot of the PMA plane that helped in the storm
23 assessment and relief efforts, to the captain of the PMA vessel *Sea Haven*, to the captain of
24 the U.S. Coast Guard vessel *Sequoia*, to the chief executives and presiding legislative officers

1 of each of the local governments of the islands and atolls of Chuuk and Yap that were
2 devastated by Typhoon Maysak and that obtained relief through the efforts of the Ayuda
3 Foundation and its partners, to the Chief Executives and the Legislative Presiding Officers of
4 each member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, and to such
5 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



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SECRETARY

