



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

APIL Resolution No. 64-BOD-08

"CALLING FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND LEGISLATURES (APIL), THE INDO-PACOM, AND JOINT TASKFORCE MICRONESIA (JTM) TO ESTABLISH A HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT NETWORK IN THE PACIFIC."

1 **WHEREAS**, the Indo-Pacific Command (Indo-PACOM) plays a critical role in
2 maintaining regional stability and security in the Pacific region, including through
3 disaster response and humanitarian assistance initiatives; and

4 **WHEREAS**, United States Navy Admiral Samuel J. Paparo, Jr., and Joint
5 Taskforce Micronesia (JTM) have recognized the need for increased humanitarian
6 coordination and support to address the unique challenges faced by Pacific Island nations;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Ayuda Foundation, as a creation of APIL, presents a significant
9 opportunity to enhance humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) efforts in the
10 region through multi-sector collaboration; and

11 **WHEREAS**, effective disaster response and humanitarian aid require an
12 integrated approach that aligns military capabilities, government policies, and non-
13 governmental efforts to ensure timely and efficient relief; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the success of humanitarian missions in the Pacific hinges on the
15 alignment of the humanitarian component as the third pillar, complementing the existing
16 security and training efforts; and

17 **WHEREAS**, establishing structured training programs that incorporate a
18 humanitarian lens will help bridge gaps in response capacity, particularly during times of
19 drought and climate-related crises; and

20 **WHEREAS**, fostering regional partnerships with Indo-PACOM, JTM, and the
21 Ayuda Foundation will provide the necessary framework to enhance long-term resilience
22 and disaster preparedness in the Pacific; now, therefore,

23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific
24 Island Legislatures, at its 64th Board Meeting, February 25-26, 2025, in Majuro,
25 Republic of the Marshall Islands, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the
26 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby formally endorses this Resolution and
27 calls for the coordination of Indo-PACOM, Joint Task Force-Micronesia, the Ayuda

1 Foundation and APIL in establishing an operational humanitarian support network in the
2 Pacific; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL urges its member jurisdictions to
4 work in collaboration with Indo-PACOM, JTF-M, and the Ayuda Foundation to integrate
5 humanitarian training into existing security and disaster response frameworks; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of
7 Pacific Island Legislatures, 64th Board of Directors meeting, Majuro, Republic of the
8 Marshall Islands, February 25-26, 2025, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the
9 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby calls for coordination between the
10 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, the INDO-PACOM, the Joint Task Force -
11 Micronesia and the Ayuda Foundation to establish a humanitarian support network in the
12 Pacific to assist all member states and the people of the region in a manner that aligns
13 with their training missions; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
15 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
16 thereafter transmitted to the U.S. Navy Admiral Samuel J. Paparo Jr., Commander, U.S.
17 Indo-Pacific Command; to Rear Admiral Greg Hoffman, Commander Joint Task Force-
18 Micronesia, and to Ms. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Executive Director of the Ayuda
19 Foundation, and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each
20 member jurisdiction of the APIL.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025



SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
PRESIDENT



SENATOR VICTOR BAMOG
SECRETARY

