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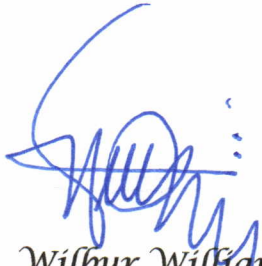
Dear President:

We have the honor of transmitting herewith a certified copy of House Joint Resolution No. 8-55-16S, "To express profound sympathy to the Government and people of Japan in the face of the devastating destruction and loss wrought by the earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011 and to reassert the friendship and gratitude owed to Japan by the Republic of Palau," which was adopted by the members of the House of Delegates, Sixteenth Special Session, the Senate concurring, during their Twelfth Special Session, March 2011.

Sincerely,


*Roman Yano
Clerk, House of Delegates*

Enclosure(s):


*Wilbur Williams
Clerk of the Senate*

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To express profound sympathy to the Government and people of Japan in the face of the devastating destruction and loss wrought by the earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011 and to reassert the friendship and gratitude owed to Japan by the Republic of Palau.

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2011, Japan was struck by the massive 9.0 magnitude
2 Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake and a tsunami which caused unimaginable damage and
3 loss, particularly in the prefectures of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the people of Palau, who hold the people and government of Japan
5 particularly close to their hearts, are unified in their deep sadness over the enormous
6 destruction and loss of life in Japan; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the people of Palau believe deeply that we are all citizens of the world
8 and that, when a devastating event occurs in one part of the world, we must all share the
9 burden and the sorrow of those directly affected; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the events of March 11, 2011 will live on in the memory of not only
11 Japan, but in the memory of Palauans who viewed the events on television with a heavy
12 heart as they sought to console the Japanese here on Palau; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in light of the particularly strong relationship between Palau and Japan
14 and the generosity and friendship Japan has always shown towards Palau, in the form of
15 grants, training and technical assistance without which Palau simply would not have
16 achieved the development goals and steps towards economic independence of which its
17 people are so proud, the Palauan people offer the people of Japan their condolences and
18 prayers, their friendship and support, and their deep and profound wishes for a rapid
19 recovery for the areas of destruction; **NOW THEREFORE**,

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Delegates of the Eighth Olbil Era Kelulau, the
21 Senate concurring, that the Olbil Era Kelulau, on behalf of the people of the Republic of
22 Palau, extends its sympathy, friendship, and sincere condolences to the victims and
23 bereaved families of the recent earthquake and tsunami; and

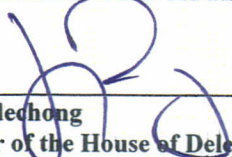
24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that acknowledging the deep debt of gratitude owed
25 to Japan for the contributions, support and friendship shared with the Republic of Palau,

1 the Olbiil Era Kelulau wishes to offer, in these trying times, its unconditional support and
2 friendship to the people and Government of Japan, as well as any material assistance
3 determined to be appropriate by President Toribiong; and

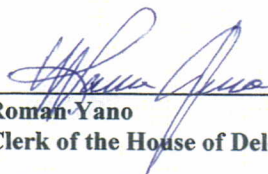
4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Joint Resolution be
5 transmitted to His Excellency Naoto Kan, Prime Minister of Japan; His Excellency Johnson
6 Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau; the Honorable Yoshiyuki Sadaoka,
7 Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Palau; the Honorable Katsuya Okada, Secretary
8 General of Democratic Party of Japan; the Honorable Akira Uchiyama, Chairman of Japan-
9 Palau Parliamentary Friendship League (DPJ); Vice Minister for Internal Affairs and
10 Communications, Member of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Nobuteru
11 Ishihara; Chairman of Japan-Palau Parliamentary Friendship League (LDP), Secretary
12 General of Liberal Democratic Party, Member of the House of Representatives, the
13 Honorable Takuya Tasso; Governor of Iwate Prefecture; the Honorable Yoshihiro Murai;
14 Governor of Miyagi Prefecture; the Honorable Yuhei Sato, Governor of Fukushima
15 Prefecture; the Honorable Wataru Aso, President of National Governor's Association of
16 Japan; the Honorable Victor M. Yano, Minister of State; Palau-Japan Friendship
17 Association; and the Honorable Noah Idechong, Speaker of the House of Delegates and the
18 Honorable Mlib Tmetuchl, President of the Senate of the Eighth Olbiil Era Kelulau.

ADOPTED: March 18, 2011


AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:



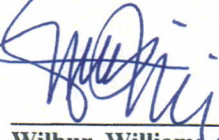
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