

**FIFTEENTH COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
YOUTH CONGRESS**

Y.C. Res No. 15-03

First day, Second Regular Session, 2016

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

To recognize the Saipan Chapter of The Compassionate Friends Organization for bringing their hearts and services to the island community and supporting families who experience a loss of a child.

1 **WHEREAS**, The Compassionate Friends Organization strives to provide highly
2 personal comfort, hope, and support to families experiencing the death of a son or daughter, a
3 brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and help others better assist the grieving family; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Saipan chapter founder Ms. Jill Derickson and her team of board
5 members held the first local Candle lighting event in 2012; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Derickson and a small group of volunteers held their first
7 organizational meeting in July 2013; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the first monthly group support meeting was held in February of 2013;
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10 **WHEREAS**, in December 2013, a second Candle Lighting event was held and over 50
11 loved ones were honored by reading their names and lighting candles in their memory; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the local chapter held an outreach presentation to Soroptimist Club of
13 Saipan and Mt. Carmel School students in November of 2013; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in December of 2014 the local chapter held its third Candle Lighting
15 event; 58 children, grandchildren and siblings and 7 other loved ones were honored by reading
16 their names and lighting candles in their memory;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fifteenth CNMI Youth Congress
18 hereby recognizes the Saipan Chapter of The Compassionate Friends Organization for bringing

1 their hearts and services to the island community and supporting families who experience a
2 loss of a loved one; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the Fifteenth CNMI Youth
4 Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
5 adoption of this Resolution and thereafter shall transmit certified copies to Saipan Chapter of
6 The Compassionate Friends Organization; the Honorable Francisco M. Borja, President of the
7 Senate; the Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and to the
8 Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
9 Islands.

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Introduced By: 
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