

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

Y.C. Res No. 15-04

First day, Second Regular Session, 2016

A YOUTH CONGRESS RESOLUTION

Recognizing and acknowledging the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation for their heartfelt contributions to the communities in the CNMI and to express a sincere appreciation for their generous donations in the Typhoon Soudelor relief effort.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation was established in 2003 in Kenya
2 which is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to meeting the physical and
3 spiritual needs of the poor in the communities it serves; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation carries out their work in multiple
5 countries which include Kenya, Saipan and the Philippines where they strive to tackle the root
6 causes of poverty; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation in Saipan was founded by
8 Director Rose Smith and the members include the recently appointed President Maryann
9 Arriola, and the officers are Diana Benavente, Vice President; Ms. Janice Tenorio, Secretary
10 and Marcia Calvo, Treasurer; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Foundation Advisory Board for Medical Program is headed by Dr.
12 Esther Kanajorn and Dr. John Tudela; the Advisory Board for Education is led by Marianas
13 High School Principal Cherlyn Cabrera; and the Advisory Board for Reference is headed by
14 Senator Sixto K. Igisomar; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation is one of the most active non-
16 profit organizations in the ongoing Typhoon Soudelor relief and recovery activities on Saipan;
17 and

1 **WHEREAS**, even when some of the Foundation’s volunteers fell victim to the
2 devastation caused by Typhoon Soudelor, they continued to provide their heartfelt services
3 distributing clothing, medical supplies, tents, shoes, food, water, and household items while
4 joining forces with other organizations such as the American Red Cross, and in doing so,
5 distributed a total of 12,000 articles of clothing to typhoon victims; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Fifteenth Youth Congress is forever grateful to these organizations
7 that help to bring hope to areas in need, and for the compassion and commitment they show to
8 the communities they serve;

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Fifteenth CNMI Youth Congress
10 hereby recognizes and acknowledges the Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation for all their
11 heartfelt contributions to the communities in the CNMI and expresses a sincere appreciation
12 for their generous donations in the Typhoon Soudelor relief effort; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the Fifteenth CNMI Youth
14 Congress shall certify, and the Youth Congress Legislative Secretary shall attest to the
15 adoption of this Resolution and thereafter shall transmit certified copies to the Empty Vessel
16 Ministry Foundation; the Honorable Francisco M. Borja, President of the Senate; the
17 Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable
18 Gregorio “Kilili” Sablan, Washington Delegate; and to the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres,
19 Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Date: Jan. 11, 2016

Introduced By:



Senator Roselyn B. Tanghal