Resolution No. 53-BOD-09

"Reaffirming the commitment of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to combat the causes of Non-Communicable Diseases in our region and challenging the legislative assemblies of all member jurisdictions of the APIL to take swift, decisive, and affirmative action to lessen the risks of Non-Communicable Diseases in their respective island communities."

WHEREAS, during the 30th General Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15-17, 2011, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted Resolution No. 30-GA-08 in which the APIL declared and requested that the member island jurisdictions of the APIL increase their focus on addressing behavioral health issues, including but not limited to alcohol abuse and dependence, tobacco consumption, illicit drug use, and violence against children and women, thereby, contributing to the reduction of Non-Communicable Diseases, as well as the alleviation of pain and suffering by individuals, families, and communities within the APIL region; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the APIL meeting in December of 2012, in the State of Pohnpei, is in full support of the purpose and intent of Resolution No. 30-GA-08, but finds that in the time that has elapsed since the adoption of that resolution, the behavioral problems that have been contributing to the rising epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases among the peoples of the APIL Pacific have not abated and the health risks associated with those behavioral problems, such as reliance on unhealthy imported processed foods, continue to escalate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd Board of Directors’ Meeting, December 5-6, 2012, State of Pohnpei, FSM, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of APIL, do hereby reaffirm the commitment of our
1 Association to combat the causes of Non-Communicable Diseases in our region and
do hereby challenge the legislative assemblies of all member jurisdictions of the APIL
to take swift, decisive, and affirmative action to lessen the risks of Non-
Communicable Diseases in their respective island communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in taking such actions, the legislative
assemblies of all member jurisdictions are urged to develop and include effective
programs to incorporate local foods as a mainstay of the daily diets of our people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify and the
APIL Secretary shall attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be
transmitted to the President of the Pacific Islands Health Officers’ Association
(PIHOA) and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each
member jurisdiction of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.
PRESIDENT

CHANG B. WILLIAM
SECRETARY