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State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 26-GA-02, CD1

“Requesting the APIL Committee on Economic Development to perform a feasibility study to establish a cooperative regional coconut products and by-products industry.”

1 **WHEREAS**, all member nations are continuously seeking ways to stimulate economic growth and
2 development; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a cooperative coconut products and by-products industry in the region is
4 one such possibility of economic growth and development; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the demand for copra is projected to rise owing to the fact that coconut methyl lester, a
6 derivative of coconut oil, is now used as a diesel fuel additive/mix or as bio-fuel; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in addition, the coconut fiber from the nut, known as coir, can be processed into mats, rope,
8 fabrics, brushes and biodegradable packaging material as an alternative to expanded polystyrene, as well as an
9 environmentally friendly alternative to peat for potting and bedding plants; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the coconut shell can also be used to make charcoal for fuel; and

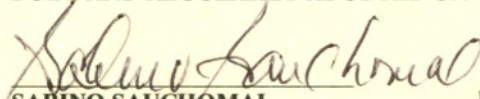
11 **WHEREAS**, activated charcoal, a type of amorphous carbon prepared by destructive distillation of
12 materials such as wood, vegetables and coconut shells, can further be used to purify water and other liquids and
13 gases; and

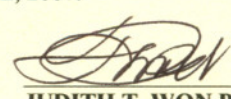
14 **WHEREAS**, with all the possible products that can be made with coconuts, the member island nations can
15 create a regional industry that will benefit all;

16 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 26th General
17 Assembly Conference, June 21-23, 2007, American Samoa, that the APIL shall request its Committee on Economic
18 Development to perform a feasibility study to establish a cooperative regional copra industry; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest
20 to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Presiding Legislative Officers
21 and the Chief Executive Officers of all members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2007.


SABINO SAUCHOMAL
APIL PRESIDENT


JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
APIL ACTING SECRETARY

