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American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
FSM, State of Yap
Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 26-GA-11

“Urging the APIL jurisdictions to support all efforts, including the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), to curb the epidemic devastation from tobacco use throughout the Pacific region and the world.”

1 **WHEREAS**, tobacco use has inflicted great devastation and suffering to millions throughout this region
2 and the world; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific region, including the APIL jurisdictions, are among the countries with the
4 highest prevalence tobacco use, especially among women and young people; and

5 **WHEREAS**, world-wide, one person dies every 6.5 seconds from tobacco-related illness; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the 192 members of the World Health Assembly, adopted in May 2003, the WHO
7 Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), as a major public health measure to curb the epidemic use
8 of tobacco and its devastating consequences in ill health, disabilities, death and human suffering; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the United States is a signatory to the WHO FCTC and, all nations of the Western Pacific
10 Region of the World Health Organization (WPRO) have ratified this international public health treaty; and

11 **WHEREAS**, one of the main provisions of this public health treaty calls for the strongest possible
12 measures for protection from secondhand smoke; and

13 **WHEREAS**, many Pacific island nations, including APIL jurisdictions, have adopted legislative
14 measures to protect people of their jurisdiction from tobacco use and, in particular, from secondhand smoke; and

15 **WHEREAS**, control of tobacco use represents one of the most important and effective strategies to
16 improve the health, general well-being and overall development of these islands and people;

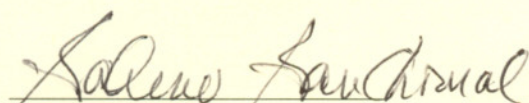
17 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 26th General
18 Assembly Conference, June 21-23, 2007, American Samoa, that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures supports all
19 efforts to curtail and eliminate the use of tobacco in the region; and

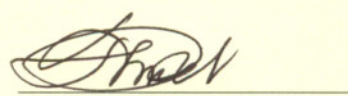
20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL supports the FCTC and urges the United States to
21 ratify this international public health treaty; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the APIL urges its jurisdictions to implement the FCTC,
23 especially to adopt the guidelines prepared by the Conference of the Parties for Article 8, in reference to the
24 strongest measures for protection from secondhand smoke; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the
2 adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Regional Director of Western
3 Pacific Region of the World Health Organization; Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community;
4 the Executive Director of Pacific Island Health Officers Association; the Secretary of the United States
5 Department of the Interior; the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and
6 President of the Framework Convention Alliance and to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief
7 Executive Officers of all the APIL members.

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


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APIL PRESIDENT


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

