



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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. 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.”

1 **WHEREAS**, during the 30th General Assembly, Republic of Palau, June 15-
2 17, 2011, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures adopted Resolution No. 30-
3 GA- 08 in which the APIL declared and requested that the member island jurisdictions
4 of the APIL increase their focus on addressing behavioral health issues, including but
5 not limited to alcohol abuse and dependence, tobacco consumption, illicit drug use,
6 and violence against children and women, thereby, contributing to the reduction of
7 Non-Communicable Diseases, as well as the alleviation of pain and suffering by
8 individuals, families, and communities within the APIL region; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the APIL meeting in December of
10 2012, in the State of Pohnpei, is in full support of the purpose and intent of Resolution
11 No. 30-GA-08, but finds that in the time that has elapsed since the adoption of that
12 resolution, the behavioral problems that have been contributing to the rising epidemic
13 of Non-Communicable Diseases among the peoples of the APIL Pacific have not
14 abated and the health risks associated with those behavioral problems, such as reliance
15 on unhealthy imported processed foods, continue to escalate; now, therefore,

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd
17 Board of Directors’ Meeting, December 5-6, 2012, State of Pohnpei, FSM, that the
18 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
2 do hereby challenge the legislative assemblies of all member jurisdictions of the APIL
3 to take swift, decisive, and affirmative action to lessen the risks of Non-
4 Communicable Diseases in their respective island communities; and
5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in taking such actions, the legislative
6 assemblies of all member jurisdictions are urged to develop and include effective
7 programs to incorporate local foods as a mainstay of the daily diets of our people; and
8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
9 APIL Secretary shall attest, to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same shall be
10 transmitted to the President of the Pacific Islands Health Officers' Association
11 (PIHOA) and to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each
12 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**

