



## Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

### Board Resolution

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*“Recognizing the Importance of Maintaining the Data Matrix Project and the Need to Annually Sustain the Process”*

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognizes the importance of continuing the PIHOA Data Matrix for the Region as evidenced by an earlier report prepared by the first PIHOA Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Secretariat was provided on September 1, 2004 a substantial amount of approximately \$210, 487.00 to complete a 2004 Data Matrix Report for the Region by the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs (DOI OIA); and

**WHEREAS**, during the CHUUK PIHOA meeting in July 2005, the PIHOA Secretariat informed the Board of the problems encountered in meeting the prescribed project timeline and the possible loss of funding support for the project; and


**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board recognizing the problem instructed the PIHOA Secretariat to immediately request DOI OIA for a project extension and to notify each jurisdiction of the need to submit the required data utilizing the format of the previous data matrix report; and

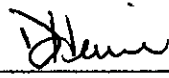
**WHEREAS**, DOI OIA recognizing this problem did not approve the PIHOA Secretariat’s request to extend the project period beyond August 31, 2005; and

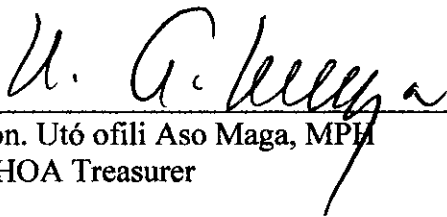
**WHEREAS**, DOI OIA terminated the project without any project deliverables provided by the PIHOA Secretariat; and

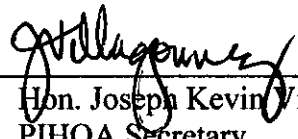
**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board recognizing the importance of continuing this project in improving the data collection and reporting process as well as strengthening the surveillance programs of each member state; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the PIHOA Board through the newly appointed PIHOA Executive

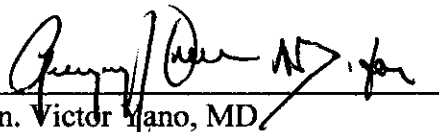
Director will initiate a dialogue with DOI OIA to revisit this important issue and to request financial assistance targeted with a more realistic project completion date.

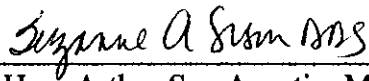
  
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