



Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

Board Resolution

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“Recognizing the Importance of Developing a Regional Human Capacity Building Plan to address the Manpower Shortage Problem Experienced in the Region”

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors are concerned about the critical manpower needs in nursing, medicine and allied health professionals; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that this year is WHO’s “Human Resources for Health”; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors are also cognizant of success stories in the enhancement of local capacity building supported by the University of Hawaii’s John Burns School of Medicine Area Health Education Center and the Pacific Association for Clinical Training and the Fiji School of Medicine School of Public Health and Primary Care; and


WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors are familiar with each member states individual scholarship programs funded by WHO and other international bodies; and

WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors are also aware that if this manpower shortage problem is not addressed locally and regionally, there will be negative consequences associated to having a viable health care system infrastructure; and


WHEREAS, the PIHOA Board of Directors would like to see a more comprehensive and rational approach to manpower capacity building in the region; **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED; the PIHOA Board of Directors, understanding the urgency of this regional problem, will make this regional need a priority issue for their 42nd Regional Meeting tentatively scheduled in FSM State of Pohnpei and through their Executive Director coordinate the development of a plan to meet this challenge; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**; the PIHOA Board of Directors have established a PIHOA Regional Manpower Development Committee composed of representatives from Palau, CNMI,

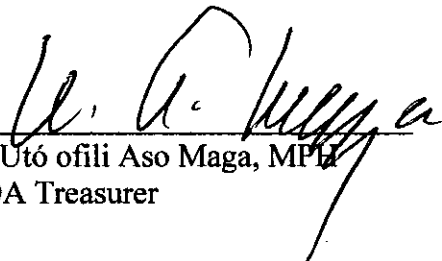
FSM, RMI, American Samoa and Guam; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** understanding the magnitude of this challenge and the need to foster cooperative and collaborative relationships with institutions of higher learning, regional educational associations, and local public and private school boards/commissions, PIHOA Board of Directors will send copies of this resolution to PREL, WHO, SPC, Institutions of Higher Learning and Public and Private school systems in the region.



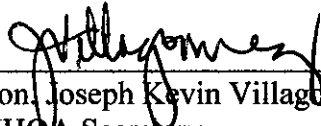
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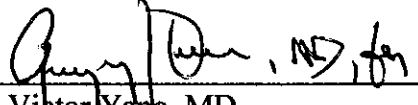
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