



## Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

### Board Resolution

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*“Recognizing the Importance of Continued Funding for the Pacific Association for Clinical Training (PACT): A Cooperative Agreement to Plan, Develop and Operate a Continuing Education Program for the Pacific, in order to Help Develop a Sustainable Continuing Professional Development Program in the USAPIN”*

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors are concerned about the health disparities noted in the 1998 Institute of Medicine Report “Pacific Partnerships for Health” and the lack of coordinated efforts and infrastructure to maintain the knowledge and skills of the existing health workforce in the USAPIN; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors are also cognizant of the Comprehensive Assessment of Resources and Priorities for a Continuing Professional Development Program in each USAPI jurisdiction and the region that was conducted in 2004 by the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Pacific Association for Clinical Training (PACT); and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors recognize that given current infrastructure needs, competing priorities and available resources, that it will take more than two years to achieve a sustainable continuing professional development program in each member state and the region.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; the PIHOA Board of Directors, understanding the urgency of the regional problem of human resource development and the role that continuing education for the existing health workforce plays in the overall human resource development plans for the jurisdictions and the region, will write letters of support to HRSA, the Institute of Medicine, and Senator Daniel Inouye and other

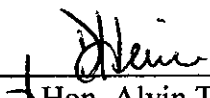
potential sources of continued financial support for a Cooperative Agreement or Grant to Plan, Develop and Operate a Continuing Professional Development Program for Health Professionals in the US Associated Pacific Island Nations;

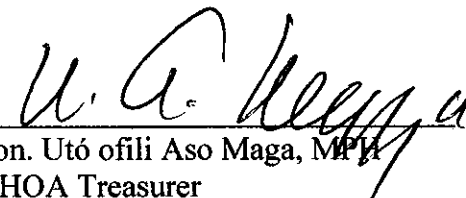
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** the PIHOA Board of Directors supports PACT's plan to publish the Comprehensive Needs Assessments and other related articles with the intent to educate the greater public on specific issues, challenges and successes in continuing professional development in the USAPIN;

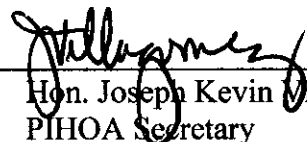
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** the PIHOA Regional Manpower Development Committee invite representatives from PACT to join the committee;

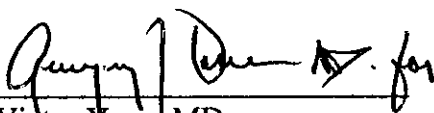
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** understanding the magnitude of this challenge and the need to foster cooperative and collaborative relationships with institutions of higher learning, regional educational associations, and other entities currently providing educational opportunities and resources in the region, the PIHOA Board of Directors will send copies of this resolution to the CDC, HRSA, NCI, PREL, WHO, SPC, the University of Hawaii System including the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and other Institutions of Higher Learning to encourage collaboration and contribution to the Regional Training Calendar to be available on the PACT website <http://pacttraining.org>.


  
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