



## **Pacific Islands Health Officers Association**

### **Board Resolution**

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*“Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPCA)”*

**WHEREAS**, the 1998 Institute of Medicine Report, “Pacific Partnerships for Health: Charting a New Course” made four recommendation all which are critical for development of the primary, preventive and population based health care systems in the Pacific, as follows:

- 1) Adopt and support a viable system of community-based primary care and preventive services.
- 2) Improve coordination within and between jurisdictions and the United States.
- 3) Increase community involvement and investment in health care
- 4) Promote the education and training of health care workforce.; and

**WHEREAS**, the translation of the four recommendations toward health protection, health promotion, disease prevention and disease treatment will go along way to narrow the gap of health disparities within the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the isolated geographic location, transitioning health morbidity and mortality, limited resources in health, effect of globalization, global warming, inappropriate investment in health and fragmented health system must be at the forefront of the advocacy and development of primary and community health care systems in the Pacific; and

**WHEREAS**, the improvement of regional health indicators is greatly dependent on the development of primary and community health care systems, which can be best be done by capitalizing on the spirit and efforts of the Pacific peoples, with the support from the


U.S., regional and international institutions that are critical in developing a sustained primary and preventive health care services within the region; and


**WHEREAS** the Pacific Island Primary Care Association (PIPCA), in partnership with PIHOA, offers a coordinating mechanism for defining, advocating, promoting and coordinating primary and community health development in the region; and

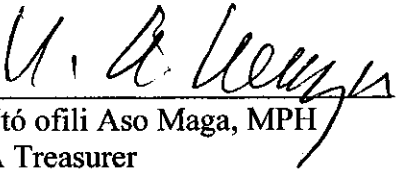
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the PIHOA Board of Directors,

- ❖ Will work in partnership with PIPCA in annually developing and implementing a proactive, coordinated and collaborative advocacy plan supporting primary care service development and delivery in the US-affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions, including collaboration in identifying whom to focus on and who key allies are, and developing an annual legislative agenda, including key messages; and
- ❖ Supports PIPCA in seeking adequate funding support, as the Pacific Island community health centers will benefit greatly by the support and technical assistance provided by an adequately funded Pacific Islands Primary Care Association; and
- ❖ Believes funding for PI primary health care services, including CHC funding for the Pacific, is a major priority for the PI jurisdictions, and as such supports and will work in collaboration with PIPCA in facilitating the process for supporting the development of primary health care services, including additional CHCs in the Pacific; and
- ❖ Will continue to provide guidance and consultation to PIPCA in its organizational growth and development.

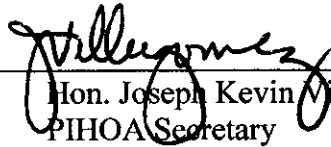
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this PIHOA Board Resolution be sent to HRSA, CDC, the U.S. Congressional delegates from American Samoa, Guam and Hawai'i.

  
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Hon. Nena Nena, MPH  
PIHOA President

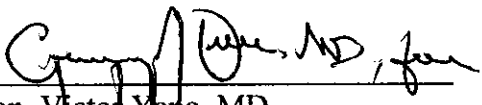
  
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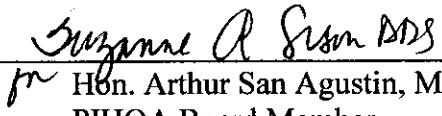
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