



## Pacific Islands Health Officers Association

### Board Resolution

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*“Recognizing the Importance of Improving the Region’s Surveillance System to promote early detection and notification of disease outbreaks”*

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors are concern about the Region’s disaster preparedness and readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors during their strategic planning process had recognized the importance to enhance the Region’s surveillance capacity; and

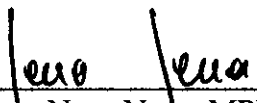
**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors during the Yap PIHOA meeting appointed Dr. Mark Durand to head the Disease Surveillance Improvement Plan Committee with representatives from the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa forming the committee; and


**WHEREAS**, the PIHOA Board of Directors had also requested the PIHOA Regional Epidemiologist, Dr. Mike O’Leary to serve as technical advisor for the committee; and

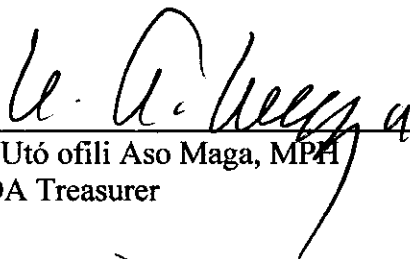
**WHEREAS**, the Disease Surveillance Plan Committee in May 2005 met in Guam with other epidemiologists and IT specialists from the region and international organizations such as SPC and WHO to discuss the best approach to improve the disease surveillance system of each PIHOA member state and region; and

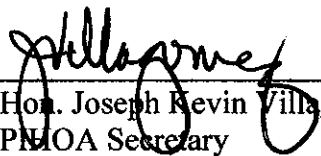
**WHEREAS**, through this planning effort, Dr. Mark Durand presented to the PIHOA Board of Directors a short and long term implementation plan to improve the disease surveillance system of each PIHOA member state that would ultimately improve the Region’s disease surveillance system; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; during their 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, the PIHOA Board of Directors have adopted the strategic action plan submitted by the Disease Surveillance Improvement Plan Committee; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**; the PIHOA Board of Directors through

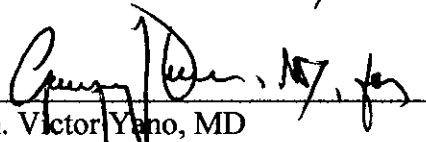
the Executive Director will work with Dr. Mark Durand to establish a budget plan for the implementation phase ; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**; understanding the magnitude of this challenge and the need to foster cooperative and collaborative relationships with national and international agencies, PIHOA Board of Directors will send copies of this resolution to DHHS, HRSA, CDC, WHO, SPC, and Institutions of Higher Learning such as the Fiji School of Medicine School of Public Health and Primary Care.

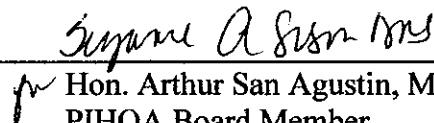
  
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