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The 4th FSM Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Conference respectfully seeks the endorsement and appropriate actions of the FSM Leadership at both the National and State levels in making sure recommendations adopted by the 4th FSM NCD Conference are implemented in a timely fashion.

Whereas, the 4th FSM NCD Conference was held in Kosrae State from November 30 to December 04, 2015; and

Whereas, the purpose of the 4th FSM NCD Conference was to convene stakeholders to discuss relevant health and social NCD related matters and to Connect, Commit & Combat the NCD crisis; and

Whereas, the 4th FSM NCD Conference recognizes the State of Emergency Declarations on NCD in the four States of the FSM with respective response plans aligned with the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA) NCD Roadmap, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Healthy People 2020, the Pacific NCD Roadmap, the World Health Organization (WHO) Crisis Response Plan (CRP), and the United Nations Global Targets; and

Whereas, NCD crisis has been labeled as a “Slow Motion Disaster” and one of the top global threats to economic development; and

Whereas, the 4th FSM NCD Conference recognizes the NCD Champions of 2015:

- Hon. Johnson Elim (Governor of Chuuk State),
- Hon. Aliksa B. Aliksa (Kosrae State Court Chief Justice),
- Mr. Peter Turuweipy (Yap State Cancer Coalition Chairman),
- Mr. Walberg Hadley (Pohnpei State Cancer Coalition Chairman),
- Hon. Judith Won Pat (Speaker Guam Legislature); and

Whereas, the 4th FSM NCD Conference deliberated and adopted the following seventeen very important recommendations that the Conference believes are necessary to connect, commit and combat the NCD crisis:

- to support the implementation and enforcement of the PIHOA 15 essential NCD policies;
- to endorse the amended FSM Breast and Cervical Cancer Management guidelines;
- to support the implementation of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) immunization initiative;
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- to promote the inclusion of mental health clients into the TBDM standard of care;

- to call on the FSM National Government to work with the embassies, to establish reintegration and assimilation mechanisms to address FSM citizens with felony convictions deported from the United States and other countries;

- to recognize the differences in the state laws on age of consent and then to call on all four FSM States to amend laws from ages as low as 13 to 18 years of age;

- to establish separate business licensing of tobacco and betel nut sales where it does not exist;

- to establish a FSM NCD Advisory Council comprised of all the NCD Stakeholders to revamp the National Food and Nutrition Committee;

- to call on all the four FSM States to implement the Micronesia One Diet Fits All Today (MODFAT);

- to call on National and State Legislatures and Policy Makers to establish laws and policies to provide incentives and subsidies to local farmers and fishermen;

- to call for the implementation of the updated FSM Diabetes Mellitus Tuberculosis (DMTB) guidelines;

- to establish and implement a FSM National NCD Monitoring and Surveillance Plan;

- to call for the support of Pohnpei, and to any other FSM State's initiative to standardize traditional healing and integrate it into its health care system;

- to make the FSM Youth Policy a priority;

- to urge all four FSM States to support the implementation of the Data for Decision Making (DDM) Program to train epidemiological technicians to build the epidemiological capacity in the FSM;

- to review the existing alcohol laws and to strengthen the enforcement of prohibiting "single alcohol shots" in retail stores;
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• to address and undertake appropriate actions to regulate the sales of locally grown tobacco; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the 4th FSM NCD Conference participants, by virtue of this Resolution, seek the endorsement and implementation of the Conference recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 4th FSM NCD Conference participants extend utmost appreciation and gratitude to the leadership and people of the State of Kosrae for hosting the NCD conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Traditional Leaders of the FSM, the President of the FSM, the four state Governors, the Presiding Officers of the FSM Congress, the FSM Chief Justice and the respective state Chief Justices, the President of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, the Ambassadors of Australia, Japan and the United States to the FSM, and such other officials and local, regional and international organizations as the Chairperson of the Conference deems appropriate.

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