

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Executive Branch of the Federated States of Micronesia to develop a Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Tobacco, Alcohol and Substance Abuse in this nation.

1           WHEREAS, there has been tremendous progress on tobacco,  
2 alcohol and drug control by the Pacific Island Governments and  
3 their civil societies; and

4           WHEREAS, experience has shown that there are many cost-  
5 effective tobacco, alcohol and drug control measures that can be  
6 used in different settings and can have a significant impact on  
7 prevention; and

8           WHEREAS, studies show that more than 6.4 million children  
9 living today will die prematurely because of a decision they will  
10 make as adolescents, and intervention to prevent tobacco, alcohol  
11 and drug use should begin at home and in schools; and

12           WHEREAS, the projected health and economic consequences of  
13 tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse on Pacific Island Governments and  
14 their civil societies will be catastrophic; now, therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the  
17 Congress hereby requests the President of the Federated States of  
18 Micronesia to cause the Executive Branch to develop a  
19 comprehensive strategic plan for the prevention of tobacco,  
20 alcohol, and substance abuse within the Federated States of  
21 Micronesia.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
3 of Micronesia, the Acting Secretary of the Department of Health,  
4 Education and Social Affairs, and the Governors of each FSM State.

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6 Date: 10/26/04

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