

A RESOLUTION

Endorsing implementation of the Federated States of Micronesia's obligation under the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) for packaging and labeling of tobacco products.

1           WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable  
2 death in the world today and, with about 5 million tobacco-related  
3 deaths per year, is the leading consumable product that kills  
4 people; and

5           WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) presently  
6 has serious tobacco-related health problems and complications that  
7 may continue in the future; and

8           WHEREAS, the FSM is a signatory member to the WHO Framework  
9 Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC); and

10           WHEREAS, the FSM is obligated by Article 11 of the FCTC to  
11 adopt and implement effective measures to ensure that tobacco  
12 products carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of  
13 tobacco use; and

14           WHEREAS, a useful means of public awareness and tobacco  
15 control is to require packaging and labeling of tobacco products  
16 to carry appropriate health warnings describing the harmful  
17 effects of tobacco use; now, therefore

18           BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated  
19 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2009, that the  
20 Department of Health and Social Affairs, through its unit of FSM  
21 Tobacco Control/Substance Abuse and Mental Health, is hereby

1 authorized to take effective measures to implement packaging and  
2 labeling obligations under the FCTC in accordance with national  
3 law; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
6 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Health and  
7 Social Affairs, the US Center for Disease Control and WHO Western  
8 Regional Office for the FCTC.

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10 Date: 1/27/09

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