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 death in the world today and, with about 5 million tobacco-related deaths per year, is the leading consumable product that kills people; and

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2009, that the Department of Health and Social Affairs, through its unit of FSM Tobacco Control/Substance Abuse and Mental Health, is hereby
authorized to take effective measures to implement packaging and labeling obligations under the FCTC in accordance with national law; and

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

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