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Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is House of Elected Members joint resolution No. 098 which was adopted by both houses of the Seventh Palau Legislature, sixth regular session.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Omoto RENGIL  
Clerk  
House of Elected Members

Enclosure

SEVENTH PALAU LEGISLATURE

Sixth Regular Session, 1980

HEM JOINT RESOLUTION No. 098

A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS JOINT RESOLUTION

Adopting and supporting the recommendations of the First Primary Health Care Conference held at Kolonia, Ponape.

WHEREAS, the cost of secondary and tertiary health care in Palau continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Palau must seek to encourage alternative ways of health care delivery which would curb the cost of health care; and,

WHEREAS, primary health care is an alternative approach which represents an effective tool for the achievement of health for all residents of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Legislature understands and subscribes to the principles of primary health care, which include:

- The type and level of health care which is "based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination",
- Promotion of development and maximization of people's potentials and the self-reliance of the community for the improvement of their own health, through community participation and involvement,
- Promotion and maximization of the contribution of other sectors of the community to the development of primary health care and achievement of the level of health which will permit all residents of the community to lead a socially and economically productive life,
- Promotion and maximization of the extension of effective health care services to residents at the periphery,
- Shifting of resource allocations to emphasize preventive over curative health services; and,

WHEREAS, the Micronesia Health Coordinating Council adopted and supported the recommendation of the First Primary Health Care Conference held at Kolonia, Ponape, which called for:

- Development of national policies in support of primary health care, and
- Shifting the emphasis of health services from curative to preventive and also from institutions to communities; and

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WHEREAS, the Micronesia Health Coordinating Council adopted and supported the recommendation of the Conference for methods of developing primary health care in Micronesia, which included the following concepts:

- The holding of workshops on primary health care for the purposes of information sharing, learning, encouragement and co-ordination, at regular intervals
- Use of the existing health facilities and personnel in the development of primary health care with participation in the small local committees by local leaders,
- Assumption of responsibility for finding sources to finance the implementation of primary health care,
- Shifting to the concept of "partnership" from the concept of "consumer/provider" in the development of primary health care,
- Development by the Government of incentives for communities to practice healthful living,
- Development of government policies to support community participation in programmes of community health development, and
- Participation of different sectors within the community and Government in the development of solutions for health problems and fulfilment of health needs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Elected Members of the Seventh Palau Legislature, sixth regular session, 1980, the House of Chiefs concurring, that the Palau Legislature hereby adopts and supports the recommendations of the First Primary Health Care Conference held at Kolonia, Ponape, and urges the District Department of Health Services to implement recommendations of the Conference on primary health care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Director, Bureau of Health Services, the Chairman of the Micronesia Health Coordinating Council, the Acting District Administrator, and the District Director, Bureau of Health Services, United Nations Committee on Health, Education and Welfare /United Nations Trusteeship Council/, and the World Health Organization (WHO).

ADOPTED: 18 September 1980

(Signed) Tosiwo NAKAMURA  
Speaker

ATTESTED: (Signed) Omoto RENGIL  
Clerk

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