



## THIRTEENTH MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

### A RESOLUTION OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT Urging the US Department of Health and Human Services to Support Implementation of the Resource and Patient Management System in Micronesia

**WHEREAS**, Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems are vitally important for improving clinical care, patient safety, public health surveillance and health-care system efficiency and effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Territories of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam are planning to implement the open source Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) EHR system in accordance with the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. territories are also planning to implement Health Information Exchange capabilities to enable health-care providers to exchange information with health-care providers throughout the United States through the U.S. National Health Information Network; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant populations of Micronesians from the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands living and working in the U.S. territories of CNMI, Guam, the State of Hawai`i and the mainland of the United States; and

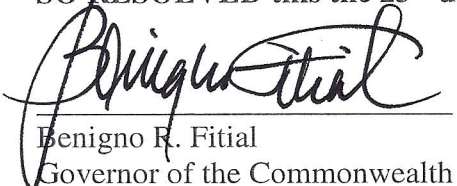
**WHEREAS**, the health-care providers of the U.S. territories and the State of Hawaii are implementing Resource and Patient Management System in the American Samoa Medical Center Authority, the Commonwealth Health Center in the CNMI, the Northern and Southern Clinics in Guam and the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital, Kahuku Hospital, and Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital in the State of Hawai`i; and

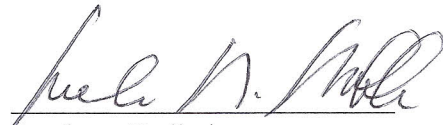
**WHEREAS**, it would be highly beneficial to implement the RPMS or VistA EHR system and Health Information Exchange capabilities throughout the greater Micronesian region to improve clinical care, public health surveillance, and efficiency in the health care system.

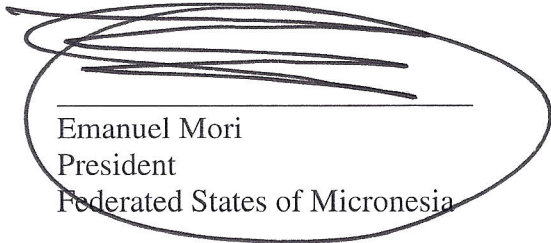
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Micronesian Chief Executives strongly encourages the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fully support the efforts of the the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands to implement the RPMS as a network that would enable the exchange of patient information with the U.S. territories, the State of Hawai`i, and other locations where Micronesian populations exist through the National Health Information Network to improve patient care and safety, public health surveillance and effectiveness and efficiency in health care delivery.

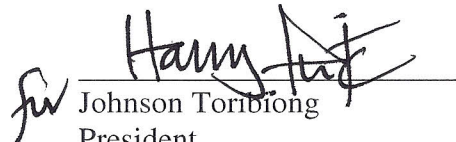
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, to Dr. David Blumenthal of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, to Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, the Director of the Indian Health Service, and to Dr. Therese Cullen, the Chief Information Officer of the IHS.

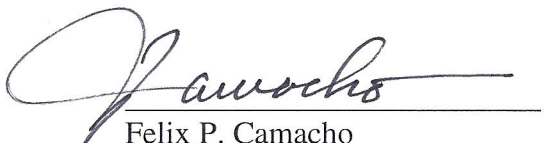
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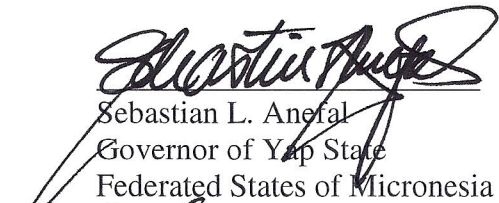
  
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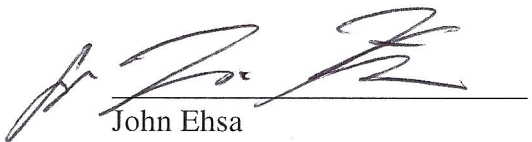
  
Jurelang Zedkaia  
President  
Republic of the Marshall Islands  
By Ruben Zackhras, Minister in  
Assistance to the President

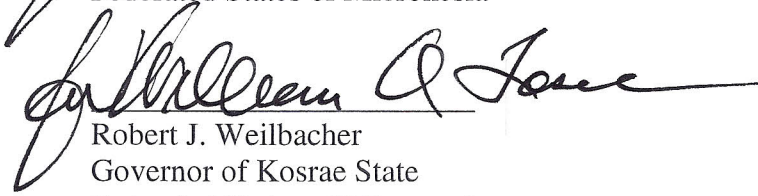
  
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President  
Federated States of Micronesia

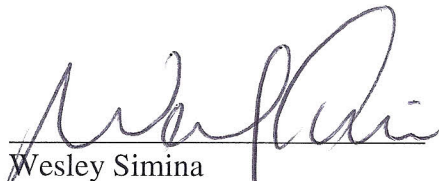
  
for Johnson Toribiong  
President  
Republic of Palau  
By Harry Fritz, Minister of  
Natural Resources, Environment and  
Tourism

  
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Sebastian L. Anefal  
Governor of Yap State  
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John Ehsa  
Governor of Pohnpei State  
Federated States of Micronesia

  
Robert J. Weilbacher  
Governor of Kosrae State  
Federated States of Micronesia  
By William O. Tosie,  
Lieutenant Governor

  
Wesley Simina  
Governor of Chuuk State  
Federated States of Micronesia