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RESOLUTION - In Support of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals

WHEREAS, the National Catholic Student Coalition strives to promote education for justice and is committed to represent Catholic students in the United States of America in national and international forums; and

WHEREAS, the National Catholic Student Coalition remains a committed member of the International Movement of Catholic Students – Pax Romana, and recognizes that we are members of one human family and we cannot remain indifferent to the suffering of our brothers and sisters; and

WHEREAS, in September 2000, at the United Nations Millennium Summit, nations, including the United States of America, agreed to meet a time-bound measurable set of goals and targets for combating poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, child mortality, environmental degradation, and discrimination against women called the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, we are the first generation that can see poverty and hunger eliminated because the world has the collective financial resources to achieve these goals; and

WHEREAS, the Millennium Development Goals and Catholic Social Teaching are closely related and the National Catholic Student Coalition accepts the challenge and will work to alleviate poverty in the world; and

WHEREAS, in his address to the United Nations Millennium Assembly, His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Holy See's Secretary of State, stated, "Development is a global notion, the aim of which is the promotion of people's dignity and well-being, considered in its fullest sense. The means to reach this may be summarized in a word: solidarity;" and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush announced at the United Nations High-Level Plenary Meeting in New York on 14 September 2005 that, "We have a moral obligation to help others – and a moral duty to make sure our actions are effective;" and

WHEREAS, the percentage of the United States of America's gross national income used for official development assistance has consistently been lower than that of any industrialized nation in the world; and

WHEREAS, President William J. Clinton asserted that "For history, to us, is what we react. But history, to our children, is what we do. Let them read one day that we came together in a moment of choice... and chose to change the world;" therefore be it



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RESOLVED, that the National Catholic Student Coalition educate campus ministries, colleges and universities, and local communities about the importance of the Millennium Development Goals and its significance to Catholic Social Teaching; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Catholic Student Coalition seek collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in initiating a campaign of compassion to promote solidarity among the faithful for suffering brothers and sisters around the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Catholic college students urge all levels of government in the United States of America honor our nation's promise and renew the commitment made for a global partnership by increasing its official development assistance to 0.7% of its gross national income to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by the year 2015.

Sponsored by: Christopher D. Malano, Liaison to the State of Hawaii; Team West

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