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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature's genuine appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Bob H. Skilling for his dedicated leadership as a State Senator and further congratulating him for his recent confirmation as the Director for the Department of Health Services.

1 **WHEREAS**, Bob H. Skilling, as an individual, can be described as a down-to-earth,
2 humble, sharp, straightforward, humorous, self-less, and family-oriented type of gentleman; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Bob H. Skilling, as a leader, can be described as confident, trustworthy,
4 accountable, assertive, persistent, transparent, and passionate; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Bob H. Skilling began serving the public as a State Senator back in 2002
6 when he was first elected to the 8th Kosrae State Legislature (2003-2006), where he would later
7 serve in the 9th (2007 - 2010), 10th (2011-2014), and 12th (2018 – 2021) Legislatures; and

8 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure in the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 12th Legislature, Bob H. Skilling
9 had authored and co-authored various significant measures which became State Laws; Notable
10 amongst those State Laws include: renaming the state hospital to Dr. Arthur Sigrah Memorial
11 Hospital (S.L. 8-14); penalties for noise pollution in residential areas (S.L. 8-57); penalties for
12 betel nut provision to minors (S.L. 8-81); Health Revolving Account accessibility (S.L. 8-82);
13 penalties for DUI convictions (S.L. 8-61); carry-over sick leaves (S.L. 8-117); criminalizing the
14 act of driving a vehicle while holding or having a child in the driver's lap (S.L. 9-2); forbidding
15 of certain campaign activities during election days (S.L. 9-95); establishment of Kosrae Health
16 Advisory Board (S.L. 9-53); hearing screening and intervention for newborn babies (S.L. 9-147);
17 mandatory reporting by Health Advisory Board and Education Advisory Board to KSL (S.L. 9-

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1 112 & S.L. 10-92, respectively); criminalizing smoking in vehicles when a passenger is a minor
2 (S.L. 10-85); expansion of Healthcare Fund to support State Referral Program (S.L. 10-143);
3 donation of sick leaves to employees with serious illness (S.L. 10-142); prohibition of tobacco
4 product advertisement (S.L. 10-101); prohibition on cigarette pack sales containing less than 20
5 pieces (S.L. 10-136); banning of electronic smoking devices and electronic smoking substance
6 (S.L. 12-70); 10% salary increase for Road Gang - DT&I (S.L. 12-69); deletion of KSL consent
7 to Broadcasting Authority Manager's appointment (S.L. 12-54); and

8 **WHEREAS**, Bob H. Skilling has always been known to embrace a strong passion for the
9 health profession, evidently so by his unwavering close involvement in health-oriented
10 programs/ affiliations throughout his professional career; Notable amongst those programs/
11 affiliations include: former Chairman of Kosrae Wolana Coalition; former member of Kosrae
12 Tobacco Control Coalition; former Chairman of Kosrae Cancer Coalition; Keynote speaker at
13 FSM Inter-agency Collaboration Conference; recipient of C-Change prestigious leadership
14 award; and

15 **WHEREAS**, due to a vacancy in the directorship for the Department of Health Services,
16 Bob H. Skilling was nominated by Governor Carson K. Sigrah through Governor's Message No.
17 12-109, pending consent and confirmation by the 12th Kosrae State Legislature; and

18 **WHEREAS**, after the fulfillment of the nomination process, Bob H. Skilling was
19 officially sworn-in as the Director of the Department of Health Services on the 8th day of April,
20 2020; **NOW AND THEREFORE**

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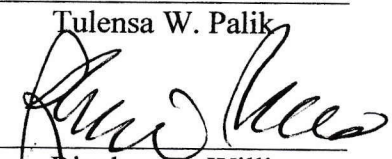
1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, during its Eight Special
2 Session, March, 2020, hereby expresses its genuine appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Bob H.
3 Skilling for his dedicated leadership as a State Senator and further congratulating him for his
4 recent confirmation as the Director for the Department of Health Services.; and


5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
6 The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae; and Director Bob H. Skilling,
7 Department of Health Services.

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10 Date: 4/09/20

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