

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.R. No. 12-82

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A RESOLUTION

Relative to calling upon the State Leadership of Kosrae to support and provide financial assistance to state agencies and community programs and events that preserve, develop, and perpetuate their indigenous cultures, languages, and arts.

1           **WHEREAS**, each cultural group within the State of Kosrae have deep and rich bodies of  
2 traditional knowledge, expressions of culture, and lifeways that have developed over the  
3 millennia; and

4           **WHEREAS**, however, over the centuries, much of our indigenous cultures and traditions  
5 have been challenged or lost due to colonization, missionization, modernization, and  
6 globalization; and

7           **WHEREAS**, contemporarily, issues such as suicide, drug abuse, and teen pregnancies,  
8 for some member communities, are plaguing our communities at far higher levels than other  
9 countries; and

10           **WHEREAS**, arts, culture, and community programs are important means of  
11 safeguarding, maintaining, and transmitting traditional knowledge and expressions of culture;  
12 further, they have the ability to lift up our communities and give them reasons to dream and  
13 aspire; and

14           **WHEREAS**, cultural practitioners and artists share their knowledge and mentor  
15 upcoming generations of youth to ensure that our indigenous cultures and arts are transmitted to  
16 the next generation to survive and continue to be part of our lives; and

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1           **WHEREAS**, cultural traditions, cultural events, and displays of indigenous art make life  
2 in Kosrae rich and meaningful and give us a sense of self and a sense of pride; and

3           **WHEREAS**, prioritizing the support of vibrant cultural and artistic events and programs  
4 provide our community tools that equip them to make positive, productive, and healthy choices;  
5 studies show that they are effective tools in combating the social ills that challenge us; and

6           **WHEREAS**, communities in Kosrae deserve lives rich in family who spend time  
7 bonding in traditional ways, rich in opportunities to experience and learn indigenous art forms  
8 such as dancing or chanting while gaining comradery and respect for each other, and rich in  
9 being able to continue to be attended to by our traditional healers for their treatments handed  
10 down through the millennia, using medicine still growing where ancestors placed them; **NOW**

11 **AND THEREFORE**

12           **BE IT RESOLVED**, by members of the 12<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature, for and on behalf  
13 of the people and leadership of Kosrae, to support and provide financial assistance to state  
14 agencies and community programs and events that preserve, develop, and perpetuate their  
15 indigenous cultures, languages, and arts; and

16           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
17 the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae; the Honorable Chang B.  
18 William, Chief Justice of the State of Kosrae; Mayor Presley Abraham, LTG; Mayor Jackson  
19 Albert, TMG; Mayor Ruben Charley, MMG; Mayor Canston Segal, UMG; and Municipal  
20 Council Chairmen.

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