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A RESOLUTION

Urging Governor Palik to formally request the President of the FSM, His Excellency Wesley Simina, to respectfully consider postponing the 2nd FSM Cultural Expo scheduled to be held in July of this year, in the State of Kosrae.

1 **WHEREAS**, the FSM Cultural Expo is an FSM-wide social activity initiated by the
2 former President, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, with full support from the FSM Congress,
3 which was basically intended to showcase each island-state's cultural and traditional practices
4 through customary dances, performances, and demonstrations, while at the same time promote
5 tourism and economic development for the four federated states; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the first-ever FSM Cultural Expo was held in the State of Pohnpei during
7 the week of July 18-22, 2022, where a vast number of participants (with island delegations over
8 fifty heads), inclusive of key government officials, performers, and guests, had participated in
9 the First-ever Micronesian (FSM) Cultural Expo; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the distinguished members of the 22nd FSM Congress, in order for a
11 successful event, supported and validated the event by providing financial assistance in the
12 amount of \$400,000.00 (*Public Law No. 22-80*); and

13 **WHEREAS**, after the successful completion of the First-ever Micronesia (FSM) Cultural
14 Expo, it was officially decided then by the FSM Expo Planning Committee, along with the
15 blessing of the former FSM President, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, that the State of
16 Kosrae would be the next host of the 2nd Micronesia (FSM) Cultural Expo; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with great expectations and high anticipation for an economic boost, the
2 leadership of the State of Kosrae then was honored and proudly accepted to host the 2nd
3 Micronesia (FSM) Cultural Expo in July of 2023; and

4 **WHEREAS**, consequently during the later part of 2022 (around October) to the early
5 part of this year (around February), with the new State leadership under the helm of Palik-Nena
6 Administration, the State of Kosrae had formed a special Task Force and immediatedly
7 commenced with its initial planning in preparation of the 2nd FSM Cultural Expo; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the composition of the State Task Force later expanded to include the four
9 municipal governments of Kosrae, the private sector, as well as key officials from relevant
10 departments, offices, and agencies; and

11 **WHEREAS**, while the State of Kosrae has already begun its preparation (and now in full
12 swing), unavoidable concerns have manifested among the people and leadership of Kosrae,
13 including the Kosrae State Legislature; In particular, relevant concerns deriving from the
14 disparity of the source of fund, most notably from the FSM National Government, which is
15 perceived to be inadequate for the successful hosting of the 2nd FSM Cultural Expo; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is public knowledge that the former Panuelo-Palik Administration, during
17 their last year of political term, had attempted in the same manner as last time by requesting the
18 same amount of \$400,000.00 for hosting of the 2nd FSM Cultural Expo, but failed in the hands of

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1 the FSM Congress; Nevertheless, the original amount was amended and slimmed down to
2 \$100,000.00 (*P.L. No. 22-204*); and

3 **WHEREAS**, it has been brought forth to the attention of the 13th Kosrae State
4 Legislature that with the disparity between the funding of the 1st and 2nd FSM Expo, members of
5 the Legislature feel that the available funding may be inadequate and that the State of Kosrae
6 may not be fully ready, to successfully host the 2nd FSM Culture Expo; **NOW & THEREFORE**

7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Thirteenth Kosrae State Legislature, during its Third
8 Special Session, hereby urges the Governor to formally request the President of the FSM, His
9 Excellency Wesley W. Simina, to respectfully consider postponing the 2nd FSM Expo scheduled
10 to be held in July of this year, in the State of Kosrae; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
12 The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik, Governor of the State of Kosrae; His Excellency Wesley W.
13 Simina, President of the FSM; The Honorable Aren B. Palik, Vice President of the FSM; The
14 Honorable Arthy G. Nena, Lt. Governor/ Co-Chair – State Expo Task Force; The Honorable
15 Hanlin L. Charley, Mayor-MMG/ Co-Chair – State Expo Task Force; The Honorable Osamu M.
16 Nedlic, Acting Mayor – Lelu Town Government; The Honorable Jacob Z. George, Tafunsak
17 Municipal Government; and The Honorable Canston Segal, Utwe Municipal Government.

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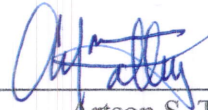
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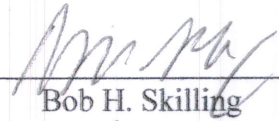
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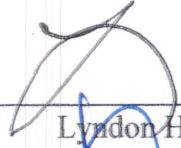
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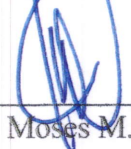
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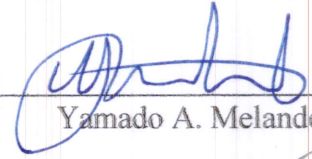
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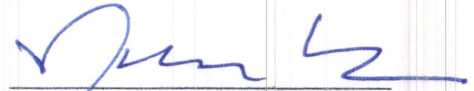
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