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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Kosrae State Legislature's sincerest condolences, acknowledgements, and respects in relation to the passing of the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk and its genuine appreciation for his many years of dedicated services to the people of the State of Kosrae and the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk was born on the 9th of May, 1958
2 and called to his eternal rest on the 12th of December, 2022; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk had passionately dedicated his
4 life serving his family, community, the State of Kosrae, and the FSM Nation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk began his formal education at the
6 Utwe Elementary School in 1964 and graduated in 1972; He later enrolled at the Yekula High
7 School, where he was once a Student Officer and graduated in 1976; He then enrolled and
8 graduated at the Lassen Community College in 1978, where he majored in Liberal Arts; He then
9 enrolled at the California State University, Chico, where he majored in International Relations
10 and minored in Public Administrations; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk began his professional career as a
12 Classroom Teacher at the Utwe Elementary School from October, 1984 to January, 1985; Then
13 from March, 1987 to May, 1988, he became an Education Specialist I for the Department of
14 Education and later promoted to Education Specialist II for the same department; He was then
15 again promoted to Personnel Specialist II for the Division of Personnel & Employment Services,
16 from June, 1990 to May, 1992; In May of 1992, he was recruited by the FSM Office of the
17 President as a Special Assistant to the Vice President, where he diligently performed his duties

1 until August of 1999; In September of 1999, the late former Senator Waguk was again hired by
2 the FSM Congress as an Assistant Public Information Officer, where he performed his duties
3 until June of 2007; In June of 2007, he was again hired by the FSM Office of the President as
4 the Special Assistant for Legislative Matters until January of 2010; Then, in February of 2010,
5 he returned back to his home island and immediately was hired by the Office of the Governor,
6 Kosrae State Government, as the Special Assistant to the Governor, where he worked for a year;
7 And then in January of 2011, after successfully winning one of the two seats for the Utwe
8 delegation to the Kosrae State Legislature, the late former Senator Waguk was inaugurated as
9 one of the fourteen members of the 10th Kosrae State Legislature, representing the Utwe electoral
10 district; Later again, after his first four years in office, the late former Senator Waguk ran again
11 in 2015 and got re-elected to the 11th Kosrae State Legislature, representing his people and
12 community of Utwe; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Kosrae State Legislature find it immensely pertinent to
14 pay due respect, recognition, and tribute to the legacy of the late former Senator Josaiiah F.
15 Waguk, appropriately so, as demonstrated by his professional imprints at the Legislature as
16 revealed herein: As a member of the 10th Kosrae State Legislature, the late former Senator
17 Waguk was the Chairman for the Committee on Resources & Development (R&D), a member of
18 the Judiciary & Governmental Operations (J&GO) Committee, and a member of the Health &
19 Social Affairs (H&SA) Committee; In his second term as a member of the 11th Kosrae State
20 Legislature, the late former Senator Waguk was the Vice Chairman for the Committee on

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1 Environment, Transportation, Communication, & Infrastructure (ETC&I), a member of the
2 Judiciary & Governmental Operations (J&GO) Committee, and a member of the Education and
3 Cultural Affairs (E&CA) Committee; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk was also a well-known public
5 servant and greatly respected by his peers for his avid patriotism and leadership skills in his civic
6 duties and responsibilities, where he was once the Vice President of the 3rd Utwe Charter
7 Commission, once a Vice President of the Utwe Adult Endeavor, and once a PTA Board Officer
8 for the Utwe Elementary School; Also known for his devoted faith and involvement in church,
9 the late former Senator became an ordained Lay Minister, where he eventually became one of the
10 ordained Deacons for the Utwe Congregational Church, until his passing; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Kosrae State Legislature mourn the passing of a close
12 friend, colleague, and fellow legislator; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk is survived by his wife Virginia J.
14 Waguk, two sons: Reed J. Floyd (married to Heidi R. Floyd) and Josaiah J. Waguk, Jr., three
15 daughters: Millicher (married to Raleigh S. Sigrah), Bessie (married to Shiro Nena), and Lerina
16 (married to Timothy Kephass), and eight grandkids: Elmerlyn R. Sankey, Saiyolyn R. Sankey,
17 Patrick R. Sankey, Carmelia R. Sankey, Naiyana R. Floyd, Yokiana R. Floyd, Alokoa Jb. Floyd,
18 and Gabriel-Nakoa T. Kephass; and

19 **WHEREAS**, by virtue of this House, the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk will
20 forever remain a close friend and member of this legislature family; **NOW AND THEREFORE**

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Thirteenth Kosrae State Legislature, during its First Regular
2 Session, February, 2023, hereby expresses its sincerest condolences, acknowledgement, and
3 respects to the passing of the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk and its genuine appreciation
4 for his many years of dedicated services to the people of the State of Kosrae and the Federated
5 State of Micronesia; and


6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
7 The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik, Governor of the State of Kosrae; Virginia J. Waguk, wife of
8 the late former Senator Josaiah F. Waguk, on behalf of the children of the late former Senator
9 Josaiah F. Waguk.

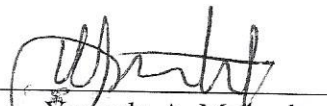
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12 Date: 3/10/23

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