

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, DECEMBER 2019

L.R. No. 12-74

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A RESOLUTION

Congratulating and acknowledging Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin for his remarkable achievement in passing the FSM Bar Exam and becoming the youngest Staff Attorney in the history of the State of Kosrae.

1           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin was born on May 18, 1984 and raised in the  
2 Municipality of Utwe; He is the second oldest son of Rev. Vinton Benjamin and Ruth, and he  
3 has five siblings, three brothers: Harvey, Likiaksa, and Curt and two sisters: Arlyn P. Livae and  
4 Trulyn (deceased); and

5           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Arnold Benjamin is married to Wanda A. Benjamin and they have  
6 three lovely daughters: Shamine Dia – seven years old, Arianna May Rosyanne – four years old,  
7 and Ruth Siara – two years old; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin holds a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science  
9 from the University of Hawaii - Hilo and an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice from the  
10 Palau Community College; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin has had a vast array of work experiences, most  
12 notably in the legal profession: From June, 2009 to July, 2010, he completed his internship with  
13 the Kosrae Attorney General's Office; From July, 2010 to December, 2013, he was a Substance  
14 Abuse Counselor for the Kosrae Substance and Mental Health Program (KSAMH) under the  
15 Department of Health Services; In November, 2012, Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin was admitted to  
16 the Kosrae State Bar Association; From December, 2013 to February, 2016, he was a Collection  
17 Officer and Prosecutor for the Kosrae State Attorney General's Office; From February, 2016

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1 until the present time, he became a Trial Counselor for the Micronesian Legal Services  
2 Corporation – Kosrae Office; and

3 **WHEREAS**, In August of 2019, Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin took the FSM Bar Exam and  
4 successfully passed; On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019, he was inducted to the FSM Bar  
5 Association, placing him the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Kosraean and “the youngest” Staff Attorney among  
6 this prestigious group of lawyers; **NOW THEREFORE**

7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, during  
8 the Seventh Special Session, December, 2019, hereby extend its congratulations and  
9 acknowledgment to Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin for his remarkable achievement in passing the FSM  
10 Bar Exam and becoming the youngest Staff Attorney in the history of the State of Kosrae.; and

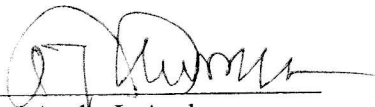
11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
12 Mr. Arnold V. Benjamin; Mr. Canney L. Palsis, Directing Attorney, Micronesian Legal Services  
13 Corporation – Kosrae Office; Mr. Lee Plisco, Executive Director, Micronesian Legal Services  
14 Corporation; and the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae;

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17 Date: Dec. 18, 2019

Introduced by:

  
Andy J. Andrew

  
Yamado A. Melander