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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature's profound gratitude and utmost appreciation to KSL's Legal Counsel, Gregory C. Jones, for his dedicated services to the State and the People of Kosrae.

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Gregory C. Jones started working for the Twelfth Kosrae State
2 Legislature as the Legal Counsel on the 25th of November, 2019; and

3 **WHEREAS**, prior to moving to Kosrae and working for the State Legislature, Mr.
4 Gregory C. Jones was recruited out of Brisbane, Australia where he was an employed Barrister
5 for six months under contract with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services
6 (ATSILS) in Mackay, Queensland Australia from May 2016 to November 2016.; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in his capacity as the Legal Counsel, Mr. Jones was tasked to perform legal
8 services for the Legislature, its committees, and individual members, which he faithfully took
9 upon and performed well with great diligence, enthusiasm, and strive; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr Jones has appreciated working as legal counsel and team leader with
11 the Legislature and the challenges presented to him in performing in this role and also the
12 benefit of the cross cultural experience appreciating the resilience of Kosrae, which has a rich
13 unique culture and traditions which it is striving to preserve whilst engaging with other countries.

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jones with the assistance of his staff of legal aides and Members of the
15 Legislature whom he is indebted for their support has amongst other things prepared and drafted
16 comprehensive and important Legislative Bills and Resolutions to assist Kosrae State in being
17 prepared to meet the exigencies presented by the threat of COVID -19, revenue-generation

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1 measures, interpretation of legislation and the Kosrae State Constitution, and legal advice on a
2 wide range of legal matters dealing with contract, estoppels, due process, compliance with
3 international human rights treaties; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Jones took the Kosrae State Bar Exam in January of 2020 and passed
5 it, after having studied for the exam for only a 1-1/2 months; and

6 **WHEREAS**, aside from dedicating his time to productively attend to his work load, Mr.
7 Jones has been known to spend his leisure time swimming at the “blue hole”, walking about the
8 reefs, visiting Kosrae historical sites, going to the Saint’s Johns Chapel for worship, and has
9 befriended many locals here in the State of Kosrae; and

10 **WHEREAS**, due to personal health and medical concerns, Mr. Jones has resigned from
11 his post as Legal Counsel for the 12th Kosrae State Legislature on the 19th of October, 2020 and
12 will be heading back to Australia in December, 2020, where he hopes to find more opportunities
13 to expand his expertise and continue his services; **NOW AND THEREFORE**

14 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, Fourteenth Special
15 Session, 2020, that the Legislature hereby expresses its profound gratitude and utmost
16 appreciation to KSL’s Legal Counsel, Mr. Gregory C. Jones, for his dedicated services to the
17 State and the People of Kosrae ; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
19 the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae; The Honorable Tulensa W.


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1 Palik, Speaker – 12th Kosrae State Legislature; and Mr. Gregory C. Jones, 12th KSL Legal
2 Counsel.

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5 Date: 12/17/20

Introduced by: 
Tulensa W. Palik


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