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A RESOLUTION

Amending Rule 5.4 of the Administrative Rules of the Kosrae State Legislature, to allow the Speaker and a Select Committee on Administrative Affairs to carry out and finalize the proper procedure when contracting for a staff member of the Kosrae State Legislature.

1 **WHEREAS**, the primary constitutional function of the Legislature is to make laws
2 efficiently for the State's benefit; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Kosrae State Legislature Administrative Rules is to
4 assure that the Legislature have a staff, administrative procedures, and facilities and other
5 property which will make performance of the Legislature's primary constitutional
6 function as efficient, as economic, as clear and as productive as can be made possible; and

7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Rule 1.3 of the Kosrae State Legislature Administrative Rules,
8 the Legislature adopts, amends, or repeals the Rules by resolution of a majority of the
9 membership; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Rule 5.4 is the section referring to the Contracting for Staff Members; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the 13th Kosrae State Legislature desires to amend its Administrative Rules
12 specifically under Rule 5.4 where it states, "The Speaker contracts for the services of staff
13 members upon lawful terms. The Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations
14 reviews, and, in its discretion approves, the contract, qualifications and other relevant
15 factors regarding each selection by the Speaker. Failure of the Committee on Judiciary and
16 Governmental Operations to notify the Speaker in writing of its action on his selection
17 within thirty days of receiving the contract in all respects. Each contract may assign

1 multiple duties, takes into account the overall needs of the Legislature and Committees,
2 and provides for a full daily workload; **NOW & THEREFORE**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 13th Kosrae State Legislature Administrative Rules is
4 hereby amended to read as follows:


5 “Rule 5.4. Contracting for Staff Members. The Speaker contracts for the services of
6 staff members upon lawful terms. ~~The Committee on Judiciary and Governmental~~
7 ~~Operations~~ A Select Committee on Administrative Affairs (to be established by the
8 Speaker) consisting of the Legal Counsel and division heads, reviews, and, in its discretion
9 approves, the contract, qualifications and other relevant factors regarding each selection by
10 the Speaker. Failure of the ~~Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations~~ Select
11 Committee on Administrative Affairs to notify the Speaker in writing of its action on his
12 selection within thirty days of receiving the contract in all respects⁴. Each contract may
13 assign multiple duties, takes into account the overall needs of the Legislature and
14 Committees, and provides for a full daily workload”; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
16 The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik, Governor of the State of Kosrae.

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19 Date: 11/06/23

Introduced by: 
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