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A RESOLUTION

Concurring to Governor Sigrah's proposed amendments to the State Declaration of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article V Section 13 of the Kosrae State Constitution,
2 the Legislature shall convene at the call of the Speaker or the Governor to consider
3 revocation, amendment, or extension of the declaration, hence the official call for the
4 Eighteenth Special Session of the 12th Kosrae State Legislature; and

5 **WHEREAS**, thru Governor's Message No. 12-296 dated July 29, 2021, this 12th
6 Kosrae State Legislature was made aware of the Governor Sigrah's firm intent to amend
7 certain sections of the original State Declaration of Emergency, following the first
8 repatriation of 18 passenger arriving from Guam on July 19, 2021; and

9 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Kosrae State's quarantine guidelines and SOPs, all 18
10 passengers were tested with PCR/ NAAT for SARS Cov 2, which has resulted with 17
11 negative and 1 positive case; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the single positive result case, which was later retested and found to
13 be negative - a mere "footprint" of the virus, had alarmingly triggered a public panic for
14 the State, subsequently calling for Governor Sigrah's timely modifications to the original
15 State of Emergency Declaration;

16 **WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments were made possible through tireless
17 efforts, commitment, and close consultation with members of the State's COVID-19 Task
18 Force; and

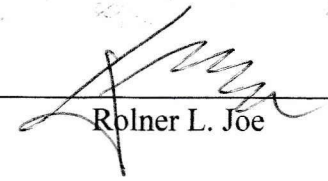
1 **WHEREAS**, the Committee of the Whole (COW), to which was assigned the
2 subject matter, has exhausted its full deliberation and review of the proposed
3 amendments and eventually opted to support the Governor’s proposed amendments to the
4 State Declaration of Emergency, as amended; **NOW & THEREFORE**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, during its 18th
6 Special Session, July 2021, hereby concurs in support of Governor Sigrah’s proposed
7 amendments to the State Declaration of Emergency, as amended; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be
9 transmitted to The Honorable Carson Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae; The
10 Honorable Chang B. William, Chief Justice of the Kosrae State Court; The Honorable
11 Tulensa Palik, Speaker of the 12th Kosrae State Legislature; Lt. Governor Arthy G. Nena,
12 Acting Co-Chair – COVID-19 Task Force; Senator Alokoa Jb. Sigrah, Acting Co-Chair –
13 COVID-19 Task Force; and members of the COVID-19 Task Force.

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Date: Aug. 02, 2021

Introduced by: 
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