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A RESOLUTION

Urging the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of Kosrae State, to request His Excellency David W. Panuelo, ~~President~~<sup>Secretary</sup> of the Federated States of Micronesia, to direct the Honorable Carlson D. Apis, ~~Director~~ of the Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure to promptly establish a legal regulatory framework for Digital Government by, amongst other things, overhauling, updating and thereafter continually maintaining & updating the information appearing on the website Legal Information System of the Federated States of Micronesia as part of the implementation of Component 3 (Enabling environment for Digital Government and Digital Economy) of the Digital Federated States of Micronesia Project.

1           **WHEREAS**, there is in existence a website “Legal Information System of the Federated  
2 States of Micronesia” which website has links to the Codes, Court decisions and Rules of each  
3 of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia & the FSM National Government but which  
4 information referred into in the above website and links are overall extremely outdated,  
5 exemplified by the official version of the Codes of both the State of Kosrae and the FSM  
6 National Government being current only to 1997; and

7           **WHEREAS**, on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the  
8 FSM National Government, announced the establishment of an Office of Infrastructure,  
9 Technology and Supporting Services under the Department of Transportation, Communication &  
10 Infrastructure which it is anticipated that this Office will be able to among performing other  
11 duties be better able to support the Nation’s implementation of the Digital FSM Project which is  
12 funded in large part by the World Bank; and

13           **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature perceive that the Codes,  
14 Rules and reporting of Court decisions of the Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap, and Pohnpei States & the

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1 FSM National Government which information currently appears on the Legal Information  
2 System of the Federated States of Micronesia website requires to be promptly updated and then  
3 continually maintained & updated so as to provide a more efficient & centralized access to the  
4 laws and rules of the Federated States of Micronesia which will not only result in costs savings  
5 but will also improve economic growth; and

6       **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature further perceive that  
7 implementation of Digital Federated States of Micronesia Project's Component 3 Enabling  
8 environment for Digital Government and Digital Economy insofar as this component relates to  
9 legal and regulatory framework for Digital Government will practically facilitate the necessary  
10 updating thereof & continuance thereof of the legal & regulatory information which appears on  
11 the Legal Information System of the Federated States of Micronesia website; **NOW AND**

12 **THEREFORE**

13       **BE IT RESOLVED**, by members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, through the  
14 Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of Kosrae State, requests His Excellency David W.  
15 Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, to direct the Honorable Carlson D.  
16 Apis, Director of the Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure, to  
17 promptly establish a legal regulatory framework for Digital Government by amongst other things  
18 overhauling, updating and thereafter continually maintaining & updating the information  
19 appearing on the website Legal Information System of the Federated States of Micronesia as

1 part of the implementation of Component 3 (Enabling environment for Digital Government and  
2 Digital Economy) of the Digital Federated States of Micronesia Project; and

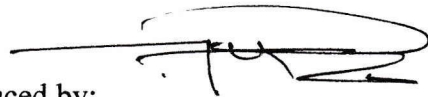
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted  
4 to His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; The  
5 Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae; The Honorable Wesley Simina,  
6 Speaker of the 21<sup>st</sup> FSM Congress; The Honorable Reed B. Oliver, Governor of the State of  
7 Pohnpei; The Honorable Johnson S. Elimo, Governor of the State of Chuuk; The Honorable  
8 Henry S. Falan, Governor of the State of Yap; The Honorable Ausen T. Lambert, Speaker of the  
9 Pohnpei State Legislature; The Honorable Stevick A. Edwin, Vice Speaker of the Pohnpei State  
10 Legislature; The Honorable Nelson Stephen, Acting President of the Chuuk State Senate; The  
11 Honorable Innocente Oneisom, Speaker of the Chuuk State House of Representatives; The  
12 Honorable Vincent A. Figir, Speaker of the Yap State Legislature; The Honorable John J.  
13 Masiwemai, Vice Speaker of the Yap State Legislature; and the Kosrae Delegates to 21<sup>st</sup> FSM  
14 Congress: The Honorable Aren B. Palik & The Honorable Paliknoa K. Welly.

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17 Date: March 01, 2020

Introduced by:



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