

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

TWENTY FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, MAY 2022

L.R. No. 12-282

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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature's deepest heartfelt and sympathy to the passing of the late first Governor of the State of Kosrae and the fourth President of the FSM and to further convey sincerest condolences to his family.

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Jacob Nena was born on the 10th of October, 1941 and he is
2 called to his eternal rest on the 6th of July, 2022 in Sacramento, California USA; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Jacob Nena was a son of Nena Otnaur and Sepe Supwak, from
4 Malem, and married to formerly Lerina Jack; and

5 **WHEREAS**, late Mr. Jacob Nena started his education as a student from the Lelu
6 Elementary School, continued his high school years at Mwot Mission School, and after
7 graduated he started his college year at the University of Guam in 1964 and graduated in 1968
8 with a BA Degree in Political Science. He later continued his college education in Hawaii where
9 he attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and graduated with a MA of Public
10 Administration and Business Management; and

11 **WHEREAS**, late Mr. Jacob Nena began his services in the workforce of the Kosrae State
12 Government way back, starting his career as a Classroom Teacher on October 30th, 1968. On
13 May 26th 1969, he was transferred to the Department of Administration to serve the duties and
14 responsibilities as an Acting Distad Politic Affairs Officer. That same year on December 28,
15 1969 he became the Deputy Distad Representative. In two years time, under the Department of
16 Administration he became the Deputy Distad Administrator on March 21st, 1971 and served as
17 Administrator until August 22nd, 1971. On April 29th, 1973 he was appointed to the Distad

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1 Administrative Representative and served the duties and responsibilities of a representative until
2 December 31st, 1978 then he resigned from his duties. On the very next day, which was January
3 1st, 1979, he became the Governor of the Kosrae State and served the people of Kosrae as a
4 Governor until December 31st, 1982. He then became the Executive Director for the Kosrae
5 Transportation Authority on March 12th, 1984 for nine months; and

6 **WHEREAS**, prior to his public services as the fourth FSM President, the late Mr. Jacob
7 Nena actively represented his people of Kosrae as an FSM Congressman partaking in the 5th
8 Congress and 6th Congress of the FSM. In the 5th Congress of the FSM, the late Mr. Jacob Nena
9 served on the Health, Education, & Social Affairs Committee, the Judiciary & Governmental
10 Operations Committee, and the External Affairs Committee. In the 6th Congress of the FSM, the
11 late Mr. Jacob Nena served on the Health, Education, & Social Affairs Committee (as Chair), the
12 Resources & Development Committee, and the External Affairs Committee.; and

13 **WHEREAS**, late Mr. Jacob Nena continued his services to help his people of Kosrae and
14 the people of the FSM, which he became the fourth Vice President of the FSM from 1991 to
15 1996, and Acting President from late 1996 to May 1997. On May 8th, 1997, Jacob Nena became
16 the fourth President of the FSM; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Governor Jacob Nena was not only a true established public figure
18 to his homeland and his nation, but also a dear friend, a colleague, a role model to others, and a
19 loving father and husband; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Jacob Nena is survived by his ten (10) children, namely,
2 Stanley J. Nena, Jennifer Joeharty Joel, Justin J. Nena, Marcus J. Nena, Holden J. Nena, Nena J.
3 Nena, Sepe Rose Arthy Isaac, (adopted from Norman and Esther George), Meriam Erwing
4 Sigrah, Jacob Nena Jr. and Reynold J. Nena, Joan Joeharty Joel (adopted from Jennifer and
5 Joeharty Joel), and Suann Nithan (adopted from Tulpe and Lisies Nithan), thirty-seven (37)
6 grandchildren and twelve (12) great grandchildren; **NOW & THEREFORE**

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State
8 Legislature, in recognition of his invaluable services rendered to the Island of Kosrae and the
9 FSM Nation, hereby express their deepest heartfelt and sympathy to the passing of the late first
10 Governor of the State of Kosrae and the fourth President of the FSM and to further convey
11 sincerest condolences to his family; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
13 His Excellency David Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; The Honorable
14 Wesley Simina, Speaker – 22nd FSM Congress; The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of
15 the State of Kosrae; and to Mrs. Lerina J. Nena, spouse of late Mr. Jacob Nena.

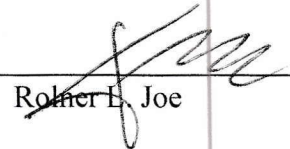
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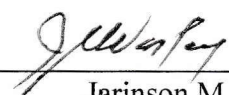
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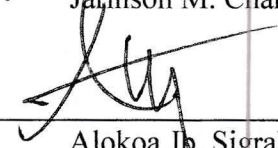
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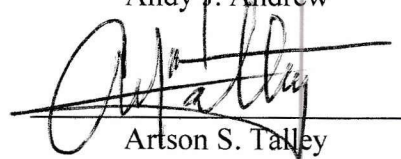
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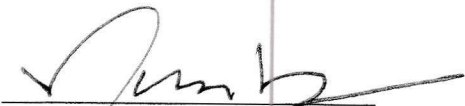


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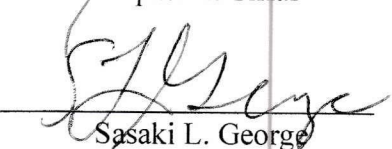
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