

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.R. No.

12-134

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A RESOLUTION

Urging the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah Governor of Kosrae State to request His Excellency President David W. Panuelo of the Federated States of Micronesia to promptly contact the Prime Minister of Australia the Honourable Scott Morrison and the Honourable Senator Marise Payne Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in regards to the Prime Minister's statement made on March 27, 2020 regarding the G20 conference where amongst other things the Prime Minister declared at this conference in relation to the Pacific and Timor-Leste there has never been a more important time for Australia's Pacific step-up and that Australia is reconfiguring its development assistance to ensure critical health services can continue to function and help its Pacific neighbours and Timor-Leste to manage the immediate economic impacts of the pandemic

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2 **WHEREAS,** the Federated States of Micronesia national and state governments have and will
3 continue to encounter significant diversion of their limited financial and other resources in
4 undertaking necessary precautionary measures to endeavor to prevent the outbreak of COVID19
5 within the Federated States of Micronesia which has and will continue to subject both the
6 National and State Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia to undue and heavy
7 strains of their limited financial and other resources including delivery of health services

8 **WHEREAS,** on March 27, 2020 the Honourable Scott Morrison Prime Minister of
9 Australia issued a statement concerning his participation in the G20 extraordinary summit held
10 by video conference and hosted by King Salman of Saudi Arabia. In his above statement Prime
11 Minister Morrison mentioned in reference to supporting the Pacific and Timor- Leste:

12 *" I explained to G20 leaders that our Pacific island family must be a focus of international*
13 *support.*

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1 *There has never been a more important time for Australia's Pacific step-up as we all face these*
2 *massive challenges.*

3 *Since January, Australia has provided support for laboratories and public information*
4 *campaigns, medical equipment, health expertise and for the WHO's regional preparedness plan.*
5 *We are reconfiguring our development assistance to ensure critical health services can continue*
6 *to function and to help our Pacific neighbours and Timor-Leste to manage the immediate*
7 *economic impacts of the pandemic; and*

8 **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature perceive that by his
9 above-mentioned expression of support for Australia's Pacific neighbors which includes the
10 Federated States of Micronesia the Prime Minister of Australia on behalf of the Australian
11 Government is pledging Australia's support for its above neighbors by reconfiguring
12 Australia's development assistance to ensure that its above neighbors critical health services can
13 continue to function and to assist them to manage the immediate economic impacts of the
14 COVID 19 pandemic

15 **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature further perceive that it is
16 now absolutely necessary for the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to
17 immediately apply to the Australian Government for increased development assistance so as to
18 enable both the National and State Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia to
19 continue their provision of health services and to be in a better financial position to manage the
20 economic impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic ; NOW AND THEREFORE

21 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature urge the
22 Honorable Carson K. Sigrah Governor of Kosrae State to request His Excellency President

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1 David W. Panuelo of the Federated States of Micronesia to immediately apply to the Prime
2 Minister of Australia the Honourable Scott Morrison and to Australia's Minister for Foreign
3 Affairs and Trade Senator The Honourable Marise Payne for the Australian Government to
4 provide extra development assistance to the National and State Governments of the Federated
5 States of Micronesia to ensure that they can continue to maintain critical health services and to
6 manage the immediate economic impacts of the pandemic. In this application for extra
7 development assistance it is suggested that reference will be made to the Prime Minister The
8 Honourable Scott Morrison's statement made on 27 March, 2020 concerning the G20
9 extraordinary summit held by video conference concerning his expression of support on behalf
10 of Australia for the Pacific and Timor-Leste.

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted
12 to the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae, Governor Johnson S.
13 Elimo Governor of the State of Chuuk, Honorable Reed B. Oliver Governor of the State of
14 Pohnpei, Honorable Henry S. Falan Governor of the State of Yap, Honorable Nelson Stephen
15 Acting President of the Chuuk State Senate, Honorable Innocente Oneisom Speaker of the
16 Chuuk State House of Representatives, Honorable Wesley Simina Speaker of the FSM Congress
17 and the Kosrae Delegates to FSM Congress The Honorable Canney Palsis, Honorable Yoslyn
18 Sigrah & Honorable Johnson Asher

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20 Date: Apr 03, 2020

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