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A RESOLUTION

Relative to unifying efforts to curb the victimization of vulnerable populations, by establishing and committing to regional reporting of crimes committed against disable person, children, women, and the elderly.

1 **WHEREAS**, across the Pacific, cultures share values that revere the respected disable
2 person, elderly, honor women, and protected children; and

3 **WHEREAS**, unfortunately, throughout our region too many nations and territories
4 experienced violence and exploitation perpetrated against these important members of our island
5 families; and

6 **WHEREAS**, efforts to understand, prevent, and punish these crimes can be made more
7 effective if communities tied by common cultural threads collect and share comparable data; and

8 **WHEREAS**, regional stakeholders have noted gaps in reporting gender-based and other
9 biased crimes; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in recognition this growing problem and potential vehicle for culturally
11 relevant and competent solutions, the leadership is called to act accordingly and decisively;

12 **NOW AND THEREFORE**

13 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kosrae State Leadership is requested to commit to
14 establishing, by local statute or otherwise, the regular reporting of local crimes perpetrated
15 against people with disabilities, children, women, and the elderly – which shall include, but not
16 necessarily be limited to: (1) total number and demographic information of victims (age, gender,
17 ethnicity, etc.); (2) total number and demographic information of convicted abusers (age, gender,


1 relationship to victim, number of convictions, etc.); (3) information about crimes perpetrated
2 (violence, criminal sexual conduct, financial exploitation, etc.); (4) information regarding the
3 resolution of criminal cases (verdict reached, plea deal negotiated, dismissal of case, etc.); (5)
4 current penalties for crimes committed against disable people, children, women, and the elderly;
5 and (6) any newly adopted or enacted laws, rules, regulations or statutes addressing crimes
6 committed against disable people, children, women, and the elderly on an at least annual basis;
7 and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae; the Honorable Tulensa W.
10 Palik, Speaker, 12th Kosrae State Legislature; the Honorable Chang B. William, Chief Justice,
11 Kosrae State Court; Mr. Isao J. Mike, President, KSPN; Mr. Hilman George, President, KCO;
12 Mrs. Shrue W. Kephas, President, Kosrae Women Association; Mr. Illai D. Abraham, Kosrae
13 Senior Citizen Organization; Mayor Jackson Albert, Chairman, Council of Mayors; Tulensru
14 Waguk Ph.D, Director, Department of Education; Congressman Paliknoa K. Welly, Chairman,
15 Kosrae Delegation, CFSM; and Congressman Aren B. Palik.

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18 Date: 2/14/20

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