

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

NINETEENTH SPECIAL SESSION, SEPTEMBER 2021

L.R. No. 12-246

(J&GO)

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature's deepest sympathy and sincere condolences on the passing of the late Honorable Ivan Alafanso Blanco, and expressing its sympathies to his bereaved family.

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ivan Alafanso Blanco was born on the island of Saipan
2 on November 29, 1976 to Juan Diego Camacho Blanco and Rosalinda (Alin) Alafanso and spent
3 his life living in both the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands and in the FSM State
4 of Chuuk; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ivan Alafanso Blanco, affectionately known as "Jimbo",
6 received his college preparatory education from Xavier High School and upon graduating in
7 1994 with honors, pursued his collegiate studies at Creighton University, a faith-based institution
8 in Omaha, Nebraska, where he graduated in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in Communications
9 and a minor in Business Management; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ivan Alafanso Blanco began his professional career in
11 2007, working for the National Government in the Federated States of Micronesia as an Auditor
12 for the FSM National Public Auditors Office in Palikir, Pohnpei; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2008 while in service to the FSM Government, the late Honorable Ivan
14 Alafanso Blanco enrolled in the Inaugural Cohort of the U.S. Interior Department's Executive
15 Leadership Development Program (ELDP), where he met and befriended many Kosraean
16 contemporaries, graduating in 2009; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Ivan Alafanso Blanco began his political career when he
18 was elected to the 20th House of Representatives where he served as the Chairman of the

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1 Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee
2 on Commerce & Tourism, and became a member of the Association of Pacific Island
3 Legislatures (APIL); and

4 **WHEREAS**, it was through his affiliations with the Association of Pacific Island
5 Legislatures, where he eventually became the Secretary of the APIL Board of Directors, that he
6 again met and befriended many Kosraean legislators in the past and the present; and

7 **WHEREAS**, having made his mark on not just the Commonwealth but also the entire
8 Micronesian region through his dedicated service and leadership, commitment to diplomacy, and
9 his work to protect the environment, the Honorable Ivan Alafanso Blanco was called to his
10 eternal rest on July 23, 2021 at the age of 45; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the memory of the late Ivan Alafanso Blanco will forever live through his
12 beloved wife, Carmen Sablan Blanco; their children: Lilly Ann, Ivan, Jr. (JC), Kideichi Mori and
13 Paige Rose; his reared children: Ali'itoa Vaiagae, and Tiarra Blanco; his parents, Juan Diego C.
14 Blanco and Rosalinda A. Mori and his siblings; and

15 **WHEREAS**, because of his many accomplishments, achievements, and friendship, the
16 Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, as expressively shared by other neighboring Legislatures, finds
17 the late Ivan Alafanso Blanco worthy of honor and recognition; **NOW & THEREFORE**

18 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, Sixth
19 Regular Session, August, 2021, in due recognition of his great friendship with fellow legislators,
20 hereby extend its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the passing of the late Honorable

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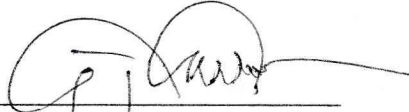
1 Ivan Alafanso Blanco and further expressing sincere sympathies to his wife Carmen and family,
2 and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
4 his wife, Mrs. Carmen Sablan Blanco and family; Mr. Nelson Stephen, Acting President – APIL;
5 Mr. Walden K.C Weilbacher, Secretariat – APIL; and The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah,
6 Governor of the State of Kosrae.

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9 Date: 10/25/21

Introduced by: 
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