

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

THIRTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION, OCTOBER, 2020

L.R. No.

12-207

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A RESOLUTION

Urging The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah to investigate whether it is feasible to establish an Office designated as The Office of Social Services.

1 **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature perceive that it is
2 necessary as soon as practicable for the establishment of an Office of Social Services , to
3 provide not only much need services in relation to Family Protection, Domestic Violence , Youth
4 but to also serve the critical and pressing needs of those residents in Kosrae State, who by their
5 being disabled or elderly, or care for a disabled or an elderly person, require the support of social
6 services including care for the disabled or elderly, homecare and respite care bearing in mind on
7 7th of October 2016 the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia officially
8 ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature further perceive that as a
10 result of a Bill designated as L.B. 12-191 to enact the Kosrae Disabilities Act of 2020 introduced
11 on October 6, 2020 in the Twelfth Special Session of the Legislature, that it is necessary that the
12 Director of the Department of Health Services can rely on the support of an Office of Social
13 Services, before he can prepare and submit pursuant to Section 12.1904 of the Act to the
14 Governor and to the Kosrae State Legislature, a Plan for Kosrae Disabilities Program (Plan), as
15 the Director is required to include in the Plan, amongst other things, social services programs
16 designed to support all persons with disabilities, in order to promote community integration;

17 **NOW AND THEREFORE**

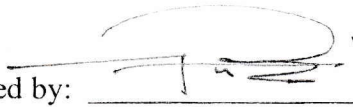
1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature urge The
2 Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae, to as soon as practicable to
3 inquire and investigate whether it is practicable to establish an Office of Social Services to
4 deliver much needed services not only in relation to Family Protection, Domestic Violence and
5 Youth, but also to serve the critical and pressing needs of those residents in Kosrae State who
6 by reason of their being disabled or elderly require the support of social services including care
7 for the disabled or elderly, homecare and respite care and to promptly inform the Legislature of
8 the outcome of any such inquiry and investigation; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution accompanied by
10 a certified copy of L.B. 12-191 be transmitted to The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of
11 the State of Kosrae; and Bob H. Skilling Director of the Department of Health Services.

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14 Date: 11.23.20

Introduced by: 
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