

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

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A RESOLUTION

Urging Members of the Twenty First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to immediately conduct an investigation or hearing into the matter of the Kosrae State continuing to suffer from relatively poor & slow internet service and coverage, lack of adequate computer/internet technical support which unnecessarily hinders access to the internet by internet users in Kosrae State and inhibits the performance and productivity of the Kosrae State Legislature and what measures can be immediately undertaken to ameliorate this situation bearing in mind the introduction of fiber optic internet in Kosrae State scheduled to be so undertaken by around the beginning of 2021 under the Digital Federated States of Micronesia Project is now considerably delayed.

1 **WHEREAS**, there any many residents in Kosrae State who rely on the internet and
2 Kosrae State Legislature performs a vital role as an organ of the Kosrae State Government by its
3 law making and oversight roles under both the Kosrae State Constitution and the Kosrae State
4 Code ;and

5 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature perceive that it is
6 necessary for internet users in Kosrae State to have access to reliable and fast internet and for
7 the Legislature to perform efficiently and to be productive at an optimum level the Legislature
8 requires a reliable and fast internet service and adequate computer/internet support especially as
9 urgent measures are required to meet the challenges posed by the ongoing risks presented by the
10 COVID 19 pandemic.

11 **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature further perceive that the
12 current slow and unreliable internet service and lack of adequate computer/internet support in
13 Kosrae State has unfairly generally restricted internet users resident in Kosrae State ability to
14 fairly and efficiently access the internet and has unnecessarily hindered the performance and

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1 productivity of both members and staff of the Legislature. Such state of affairs is reflected in the
2 fact that some members of the Legislature have discontinued or reduced their use of computers at
3 the Legislature to send and receive emails and conduct research using the internet and have
4 limited access to computer/internet technical support, whilst generally staff of the Legislature
5 suffer from unnecessary inconvenience resulting from unreliable, slow internet and being
6 restricted as to getting assistance from computer/ internet technical support; and

7 **WHEREAS**, members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature further perceive that the
8 delay in the introduction of fiber optic internet under Digital Federated States of Micronesia
9 Project in Kosrae State along with inadequate computer/internet technical support will further
10 prolong and exacerbate the difficulties encountered generally by users of the internet resident in
11 Kosrae State and by members and staff of the Kosrae State Legislature and that increased
12 funding to the Legislature will not by itself overcome these difficulties ; **NOW AND**

13 **THEREFORE**

14 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature urge the
15 Members of the Twenty –First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to immediately
16 conduct an investigation or hearing into the matter of the Kosrae State continuing to suffer from
17 relatively poor and slow internet service and coverage, lack of adequate computer/internet
18 technical support which unnecessarily generally restricts the ability of internet users in Kosrae
19 State to fairly and efficiently access the internet and which inhibits the performance and
20 productivity of the Kosrae State Legislature and what measures can be immediately undertaken

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1 to ameliorate this situation bearing in mind the introduction of fiber optic internet in Kosrae State
2 scheduled to be so undertaken by around the beginning of 2021 under the Digital Federated
3 States of Micronesia Project is now considerably delayed: and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
5 The Honorable Wesley Simina, Speaker of the 21st FSM Congress and the Kosrae Delegates to
6 FSM Congress: The Honorable Paliknoa Welly & The Honorable Aren Palik; and The
7 Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae.

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Date:

5/28/20

Introduced by:



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