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A RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the successful completion of all graduating students from both public and private schools in the State of Kosrae for the outgoing 2019-2020 School Year, in spite of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

1 **WHEREAS**, education is generally perceived as a key component to the ultimate success
2 of a student’s future and further perceived by both parents and students as a requisite to the
3 successful life of a modern Kosraean; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Kosrae Department of Education is the key department under the
5 Kosrae State Government responsible for all school-related affairs, events, activities in the State
6 of Kosrae; and

7 **WHEREAS**, every year the Kosrae Department of Education, through the various
8 schools, would hold commencement exercises to congratulate and acknowledge the successful
9 completion of each graduating class; and

10 **WHEREAS**, data (2019-2020 end of year enrollment) from the Kosrae Department of
11 Education has revealed that a total of 157 students have recently graduated from the Early
12 Childhood Education Program (ECE) in all seven elementary schools, including the Seventh Day
13 Adventist School (SDA); a total of 153 students have graduated from the 8th grade level in all
14 seven elementary schools, including the Seventh Day Adventist School (SDA); and a total of 121
15 students have graduated from our very own public high school, Kosrae High School; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the 2019-2020 school year, however, has been distinctly marked as
17 “special” due to circumstances relating to the precautionary measures undertaken by the state

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1 government since February of this year, basically to shield the State from the penetration of the
2 COVID-19 Pandemic, hence affecting the school system calendar, among others; and

3 **WHEREAS**, consequently due to COVID-19, it is known across the whole State of
4 Kosrae that a majority of the public and private schools were not able to hold graduation
5 ceremonies for the graduating students of the outgoing 2019-2020 school year, as they would
6 traditionally do; **NOW AND THEREFORE**

7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, in
8 recognition of the sacrifice and commitment of the school system to the State hence abiding to
9 the peculiar circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the school graduations, hereby
10 extend belated congratulations and acknowledgement to all graduating students from both public
11 and private schools in the State of Kosrae for the outgoing 2019-2020 school year; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
13 Tulensru Waguk, Ph.D, Director – Department of Education, Kosrae State; Principal Eterny
14 Edwin, Lelu Elementary School (LES); Principal Macnald Jonah, Tafunsak Elementary School
15 (TES); Pomeroy Kephass, Malem Elementary School (MES); McKenzie Waguk, Utwe
16 Elementary School (UES); Principal Annang Welly, Sansrik Elementary School (SES); Principal
17 Timothy Jackson, Walung Elementary School (WES); Principal Kamron Mashii, Seventh Day
18 Adventist (SDA); Principal Scott Nena, Kosrae High School (KHS); and the Honorable Carson
19 K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae.

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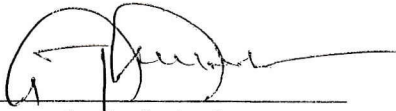
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