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A RESOLUTION

Amending Rule 4.8 of the Kosrae State Legislature’s Rules of Procedure to modify the requirements for Committee reports.

1 **WHEREAS**, with the current provisions of Rule 4.8 of the Kosrae State
2 Legislature’s, oral reports are permissible based on the circumstances of each measure as
3 well as condolence, recognition and appreciation resolutions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Rule 4.8 of the Kosrae State Legislature currently states,
5 Rule 4.8. Committee Report of Measures. Following its treatment of a measure a
6 committee submits a written or an oral report of its findings and recommendations to the
7 Legislature. Based on the nature of a measure, the Legislature by majority vote shall
8 decide whether or not it is necessary to reduce an oral report in writing. Before acting on
9 the measure the Legislature acts on the report. A position of dissent may be taken, or a
10 minority report made, by a committee member

11 A report shall be considered adopted by a committee when a majority of the
12 members of the committee have signed the report concurring therein. Signing a report
13 “with reservation” is counted as a concurring therein. A member not concurring with the
14 report of the majority may so indicate by signing the report “I do not concur” or by
15 submitting a separate minority report. A majority report may be submitted during
16 discussion of the motion to adopt a committee report on the same bill, resolution or other
17 matter. The majority report as submitted becomes part of the discussion and therefore

1 part of the journal. A measure (Resolution) intended to express condolences,
2 appreciation, and acknowledgement to a certain individual or group of people shall be
3 reduced to an oral report.”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Rule 4.8 of the Kosrae State Legislature’s Rules of Procedure is
5 proposed to be amended to read as follows:

6 “Rule 4.8. Committee Report of Measures. Following its treatment of a measure a
7 committee submits a written ~~or an oral~~ report of its findings and recommendations to the
8 Legislature. ~~Based on the nature of a measure, the Legislature by majority vote shall~~
9 ~~decide whether or not it is necessary to reduce an oral report in writing.~~ Before acting on
10 the measure the Legislature acts on the report. A position of dissent may be taken, or a
11 minority report made, by a committee member.

12 A report shall be considered adopted by a committee when a majority of the
13 members of the committee have signed the report concurring therein. Signing a report
14 “with reservation” is counted as a concurring therein. A member not concurring with the
15 report of the majority may so indicate by signing the report “I do not concur” or by
16 submitting a separate minority report. A majority report may be submitted during
17 discussion of the motion to adopt a committee report on the same bill, resolution or other
18 matter. The majority report as submitted becomes part of the discussion and therefore
19 part of the journal. ~~A measure (Resolution) intended to express condolences,~~

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1 ~~appreciation, and acknowledgement to a certain individual or group of people shall be~~
2 ~~reduced to an oral report.”; and~~


3 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative to have all committee reports be submitted in
4 writing; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Legislature see it crucial to require all committee
6 reports regarding all measures be submitted in writing; and **NOW & THEREFORE**

7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Thirteenth Kosrae State Legislature hereby endorse
8 proposed amendment as intended and move for adoption of the resolution; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be
10 transmitted to The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik, Governor of the State of Kosrae.

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13 Date: 2/13/23

Introduced by: 
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