
A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature's deepest sympathy, on behalf of the people and State of Kosrae, to the passing of the late Nena S. Nena and sincerest condolences to his wife Elinora and family.

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Nena S. Nena was born on the 15th of September, 1949 and called
2 to his eternal rest on his birthday, September 15, 2021 at 2 AM at Saint Joseph's Medical Center
3 in Tacoma, Washington; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Nena S. Nena was born to Sru Aliknena Tilfas of Isre, Utwe and
5 the former Tulpe Inteliki Isaiah Benjamin of Utwe Mah and was one of fourteen (14) siblings
6 which include Aliksa Killin (traditional adoption), Adalma Jacob Lonno, Angkela Nena
7 (deceased), Sepe Ned Freddy, Juslynda Willer Thomas, Senioline Sidney Skilling, Seniolina
8 Alexander Sigrah, Notwe Jack Asher, Engar Nena, Asma Swanson Asher, Forester Nena, Kenye
9 Lydio Kurr, Ezra Nena, and Mackwelung Nena; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late Nena S. Nena graduated from the Utwe Elementary School in 1964,
11 when went to Mizpah High School in Truk, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1970; he then
12 went to college in the Phillipines at Silliman University where he graduated and earned his B.A.
13 degree in 1975, having been recognized as the first individual from Utwe Municipality and
14 among the few Kosraeans to have earned a bachelor's degree during that era; During the early
15 1980s, the late Nena S. Nena decided to further his education where he attended and graduated
16 from the University of Hawaii – Manoa with his Masters of Public Health & Administration
17 degree in 1984; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, after coming back from college in 1975, the late Nena S. Nena taught as a
2 Classroom Teacher at the Kosrae High School in Yekula from 1975 to 1977; in 1977, the late
3 Nena S. Nena served as a representative for the Utwe Municipality in the First Kosrae
4 Legislature, Kusaie District, TTPI; during the same period, he also served as a member of the
5 Education for Self-Government Task Force from 1977 to 1978; The longest part of his career
6 was from 1979 to 1991, when he served in numerous key positions at the Kosrae Department of
7 Health Services as the State Health Planner (July 1, 1979 – February, 1985), Administrative
8 Officer III (March 31, 1985 – March 30, 1995), and Acting Director (February, 1990/ May,
9 1990/ August, 1990); the late Nena S. Nena resigned from the Department of Health Services in
10 1995 after having been nominated and approved as the Director for the State Department of
11 Agriculture, Land, and Fisheries, notably so as the first resident from Utwe who held a key state
12 leadership position; After serving as Director for almost ten years, the late Nena S. Nena then
13 moved to Palikir, Pohnpei where he was nominated and approved as the Secretary for the FSM
14 Department of Health & Social Affairs, again holding a key cabinet position from 2004 to 2007;
15 After working for the FSM National Government, he then became the Administrator for the FSM
16 National Health Care Plan (MiCare) from 2008 until his official retirement in 2016; and

17 **WHEREAS**, during his 41 years of dedicated service to the State and Nation, the late
18 Nena S. Nena was also known to hold other key public service capacities, which included
19 serving as the Floor Leader of the First Kosrae State Constitutional Convention in the 1980s,
20 serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the very first utility corporation organized

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1 and known today as Kosrae Utility Authority (KUA) during the 1990s, and serving as the
2 Chairman of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Utwe Municipality Charter Commissions; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Nena S. Nena is survived by his wife Elinora Sigrah Likiak of Lelu,
4 3 sons: Delwin (34), who married Evelyn Steiner Siba; Clinton (26), who married Melva Robson
5 Jim, and CD McGarrett (18) (adopted to); 3 daughters: Anna-Belle (33), who married Kamsky
6 Kiosy Nena; Adela (31) (adopted by Alik David Lonno and Mary Likiak Lonno), who married
7 Palikkun T. George; and Chelsea (27), who married John J. Alokoa; and 14 grandchildren: Kiosy
8 Beau Nena, Lucinda Cheannisa Nena, Thurston Churchbuilt Nena, Forester NahSru Nena, Tulpe
9 Monze Nena, Kaera-Joy Kiosy Nena, Kione MJ Aaron Nena, Keoki CJ Nena, Arria Nena, Nena
10 Robert Nena, Ezekiel Rob Nena, Jamal Jayzee George, Mallerie Renney George, and Sonny
11 KayTee Manroy Alokoa; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late Nena S. Nena was also the caring father of the following children, 4
13 sons and 5 daughters: Arthur Nena (46), Sru Wayne Nena (45), Benedict Nena (43), Anita Asher
14 Salik (42), Rose Nena (41), Elizabeth Mishima Tolanoa (41), Srue Reed Nena (38), Steve Isisaki
15 (38), and Lona Lyndon Esahu (37), and all of whom bore him 21 grandchildren; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the late Nena S. Nena not only played an important role in serving the
17 people and government, but was greatly known by many as “although quiet and calm, yet
18 generous to others”; “stern, yet decisive when it comes to making decisions that would benefit
19 the most”; to his immediate family, he was “quite a funny gentleman whom everyone loved”;
20 and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the late Nena S. Nena was also known to be a devout Christian follower
2 and leader, having been an Etawi youth leader during his youth and an ordained Deacon for the
3 Utwe Congregational Church; **NOW & THEREFORE**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature,
5 Nineteenth Special Session, September, 2021, in due recognition and tribute to his invaluable
6 services and commitment to the people and State of Kosrae, hereby extend its deepest sympathy
7 to the passing of the late Nena S. Nena and sincere condolences to his wife Elinora and family;
8 and

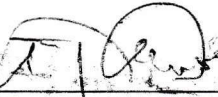
9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
10 his wife Elinora and family; The Honorable Canston Segal, Mayor of the Utwe Municipal
11 Government (UMG); and to The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae.

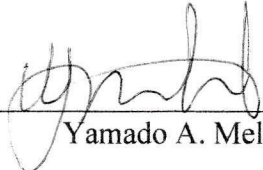
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