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A RESOLUTION

Calling for the immediate cancellation of Kosrae State's 2020 school year calendar.

1 **WHEREAS**, there is currently a loud outcry from the Kosraean public to close
2 schools in the State as a precautionary measure against the covid-19 pandemic; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Government continues to maintain that perceived empirical
4 indicators and logistics do not warrant such action at this time; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the state is still under condition four (4) of the Emergency
6 Declaration issued by Governor Sigrah; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in the absence of test kits, the State of Kosrae's Covid-19 Task
8 Force is operating largely on assumption with respect to the status of infection; and

9 **WHEREAS**, a key factor in the plan to combat and prevent the potential landfall
10 and containment of the virus in the event of it taking hold in Kosrae will be the
11 compliance of everyone to the guidelines inherent in the Emergency Declaration; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the public's view is of paramount importance in terms of its
13 willingness to abide by the requirements and restrictions spelled out in the guidelines;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, preventive action over cure is always recommended, and that it is
16 better to appear overzealous in the present than to be regretful in the future; **NOW AND**
17 **THEREFORE**

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE
EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION, MARCH 2020

L. R. No. 12-136

1 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, after review and debate on options, members of the 12th
2 Kosrae State Legislature have determined that it is advisable at this time to close the
3 schools as demanded by members of the community at large, including parents and
4 teachers; hence, by virtue of this resolution, the Honorable Carson Sigrah is hereby
5 advised to close all schools in Kosrae until its regular Fall opening in August 2020, and
6 have the schools come up with a make-up schedule, as well as repurposing the role of
7 teachers temporarily under the guidance of the Kosrae State Covid-19 Task Force. The
8 rationale behind the 12th KSL position is that the public uproar will be appeased and the
9 Government will not be held accountable in the event that the Coronavirus actually hits
10 and cause havoc in Kosrae; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be
12 transmitted to all lending institutions in the State of Kosrae; The Honorable Carson K.
13 Sigrah, Governor of Kosrae State; The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik, Speaker of the 12th
14 Kosrae State Legislature; Chief Justice Chang B. William, Kosrae State Court; Mayors;
15 Director Tulensru Waguk, Department of Education; School Principals; and members of
16 the COVID-19 State Task Force.

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19 Date: 4/7/20

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