

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP
Third Regular Session
2025

(Calendar)

Resolution No. 11-107

A RESOLUTION

Declaring vacancy in the Yap State Legislature for the third election district, namely Woleai Atoll and requesting the Governor to call for a special election.

1 WHEREAS, John Masiwemai formally resigned from his
2 position as elected Senator from Election District 3 in a
3 letter to the Speaker on November 25, 2024, with his effective
4 date of retirement officially December 31, 2024, which would
5 be a full two years before the expiration of his term; and

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Yap, Article V,
7 Section 5 provides that "Any vacancy in the Legislature shall
8 be filled for the unexpired term by special election, except
9 that an unexpired term of less than one year shall be filled
10 by appointment by the Governor."; and

11 WHEREAS, Title 7 in the Yap State Code, Section 104(b)
12 further provides "Whenever, one year or more before the end of
13 a term, or after the election but before the elected official
14 has been sworn in, a vacancy occurs in the Legislature, the
15 Governor shall call a special election to fill such vacancy.
16 The call of the Governor shall specify the date of the special
17 election, the deadline for registration of electors for such

1 special election, and the period during which the nomination
2 of candidates for such special election may take place. In
3 all other respects, special elections to fill vacancies in the
4 Legislature shall be held in accordance with the provisions of
5 this title.”; now, therefore,


6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the State
7 of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that the Legislature
8 hereby respectfully an officially declares a vacancy in the
9 Yap State Legislature for the third election district, namely
10 Woleai Atoll and requests the Governor to call for a special
11 election; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chief Justice
14 of the State Court of Yap, the Cabinet members, the Chairman
15 of the Council of Pilung, and the Chairman of the Council of
16 Tamol.

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19 Date: 01.13.25

Introduced by: 
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