

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  
3           a letter to the Speaker on November 25, 2024, with his  
4           effective date of retirement officially December 31,  
5           2024, which would be a full two years before the  
6           expiration of his term; and

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

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

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

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

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

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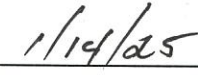
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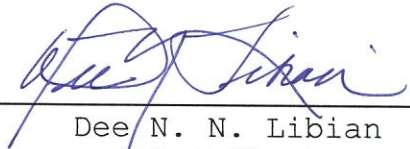
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**Adopted:** January 13, 2025

  
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Nicholas Figirlaarwon  
**Speaker**

  
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Date

**Attested to:**

  
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Dee N. N. Libian  
Chief Clerk