

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the Chief Justice of the Court of the State of Yap to declare a vacancy in the Office of the Governor pursuant to 3 YSC 158.

1           WHEREAS, Title 3 of the Yap State Code, Section 158  
2       states that "A vacancy in the Office of the Governor or  
3       Lieutenant Governor shall be determined by the State  
4       Court upon presentation to it of a resolution declaring  
5       the grounds of the vacancy, adopted by a vote of two-  
6       thirds (2/3) of the members of the Legislature."; and

7           WHEREAS, it is self-evident that the grounds of the  
8       current vacancy is due to the passing of the late  
9       Governor Charles S. Chieng on May 22, 2025; and

10          WHEREAS, in the absence of clear Constitutional and  
11       practical provisions on transition of the Lieutenant  
12       Governor to the Office of the Governor and using Yap  
13       State Resolution No. 10-56 as precedence; and

14          WHEREAS, notwithstanding the opinion provided in  
15       Departmental Communication No. 11-07, and in the interest  
16       of consistency, it is the Legislature's sense that  
17       actions must be taken in a similar manner when dealing  
18       with any vacancy in the Office of the Governor; now,

1       therefore,

2               BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the  
3       State of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that the  
4       Legislature hereby respectfully requests the Chief  
5       Justice of the Court of the State of Yap to declare a  
6       vacancy in the Office of the Governor pursuant to 3 YSC  
7       158; and

8               BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9       Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the  
10       State Court of Yap, the Governor, the Cabinet members,  
11       the Chairman of the Council of Pilung, and the Chairman  
12       of the Council of Tamol.

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14       **Adopted on: October 09, 2025**

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Nicholas Figirlaarwon  
Speaker

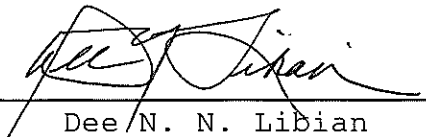
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21       **Attested to:**

  
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Dee N. N. Libian  
Chief Clerk

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