

STATE OF YAP

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2025

A RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal for his untimely passing.

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal
2 passed away on September 16, 2025, at the age of 80 years
3 old, having been born on March 19, 1952; and

4 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal was
5 well known in the State of Yap and throughout Micronesia
6 as a longtime leader and statesman with extensive
7 experience in public service and government as a beloved
8 Congressman and the Sixth President of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia; and

10 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal's
11 formal education included Xavier High School where he
12 graduated in 1973 and obtained his Bachelor of Arts
13 Degree in Administration of Justice in 1976 from
14 Rockhurst College; and

15 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal began
16 his public service in 1981 as a teacher at Outer Island
17 High School and worked to support his students until
18 1987; and

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal was
2 first elected to the Congress of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia in 1987 as an at-large member and has served
4 the people of the FSM and specifically as representative
5 of the State of Yap until his passing; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal was
7 elected by his colleagues as President of the Nation in
8 2003, where he served with distinction, practicality and
9 humbleness, as befitting and embodying a true Yapese
10 spirit in his dedication to the people; and

11 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal's
12 many contributions to his island, community, the State of
13 Yap, and the Nation are too numerous and varied to be
14 specifically numbered and acknowledged, he will be
15 remembered as a beloved statesman and an honored son of
16 Yap; and

17 WHEREAS, during his many decades of dedicating his
18 life to the betterment of the State of Yap, he had earned
19 the respect of the people throughout the Nation, and he
20 will be missed by the leaders and the people of the State
21 of Yap as a man who had made significant contributions to
22 the political, economical and social development of the

1 State of Yap and the FSM; and

2 WHEREAS, the members of this Legislature join the
3 family, relatives and friends of the late Honorable
4 Joseph J. Urusemal in their moment of sadness and sorrow;
5 now, therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the
7 State of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that the
8 Legislature, on behalf of the government and the people
9 of the State of Yap, hereby expresses its deepest
10 sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family,
11 relatives and friends of the late Honorable Joseph J.
12 Urusemal for his untimely passing; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the family of the late
15 Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal; the Speaker of the Congress
16 of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Yap
17 Congressional Delegation; the Governor of the State of
18 Yap; the Chairman of the Council of Pilung; and the
19 Chairman of the Council of Tamol.

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1 **Adopted on: September 29, 2025**

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Speaker

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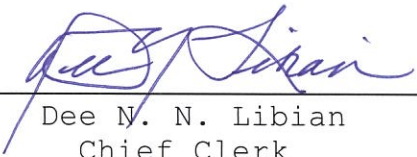
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Dee N. N. Libian
Chief Clerk

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