

STATE OF YAP

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2025

A RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai, a
2 resident of Yap State and a citizen of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia passed away on September 13, 2025,
4 in Pohnpei State, FSM at the age of 69, having been born
5 on April 20, 1956; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai, after
7 graduating from Outer Island High School, obtained his
8 Associate of Science in Education degree in 1977 from the
9 Community College of Micronesia (CCM), his Bachelor of
10 Science in Early Childhood from Concordia College in 1979
11 and his M.Ed in Education from the latter college in
12 1984; and

13 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai began
14 his career as a well respected educator in the Federated
15 States of Micronesia as an instructor with CCM in 1981
16 and worked in various capacities including through the
17 transition of the CCM to the now College of Micronesia -
18 FSM (COMFSM) as Assistant and Associate Professor,

1 Chairperson, Director of Academic Programs and his most
2 recent post of Education Developer: Indigenous Ways of
3 Knowing - serving and educating the people and most
4 especially the students, of the FSM for more than forty
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai was
7 elected and took office to serve the people of Yap in
8 2003 through 2007, as Lieutenant Governor with the late
9 Governor Robert Ruecho' and their Administration was
10 central in carrying the State of Yap through the
11 transition into the 2nd Amended Compact, the historical
12 impact of Typhoon Sudal and the 2004 State Constitutional
13 Convention and subsequent referendum, to name a few; and

14 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai has
15 served on various boards and commissions that have
16 benefitted the people and government of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, and in particular the State of Yap
18 and are too numerous to be mentioned herein; and

19 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai's
20 contributions, achievements and commitment to serving the
21 people has made him a true public servant with a lasting
22 legacy as an Educator, Orator and Elder for the people of

1 the State of Yap, his relatives, friends and family; now,
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the
4 State of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that this
5 Legislature hereby expresses deepest sympathy and
6 condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the
7 late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai for his untimely passing;
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of
10 this Resolution be transmitted to the family of the late
11 Honorable Joseph Habuchmai; the President of the College
12 of Micronesia-FSM; the Governor of the State of Yap;
13 the Chairman of the Council of Pilung; and the Chairman
14 of the Council of Tamol.

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

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Speaker

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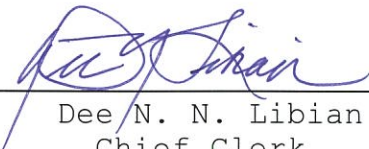
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Dee N. N. Libian
Chief Clerk

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