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October 16, 2012

The Honorable Lyndon P. Abraham
Speaker
Tenth Kosrae State Legislature
Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

Dear Mr. Speaker,

Kulo nu sin God ke moul lasr. Paing kom a members ke Sroasr Masap kewa.

Wangin pa pusra yok lasr nuke sripa yok lun L.B. No. 10-93, L.D.3. Oinge nga fulela lusen len 30 la in eis comments nuka, panang oru el putatyang nuke pusren masap su orala Kosrae State Law No. 10-48.

“To amend the Kosrae State Code at Title 19 by inserting specific references for an intended to protect the Utwe Biosphere Reserve so that it may receive the protection of current laws contained in the State Code; and for other purposes.”

Copy se ke masap se inge pa nga supaot in mwe reference lom.

Kulo ma lulap.


Lyndon H. Jackson
Governor
State of Kosrae

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend the Kosrae State Code at Title 19 by inserting specific references for and intended to protect the Utwe Biosphere Reserve so that it may receive the protection of current laws contained in the State Code; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Kosrae State Legislature finds that the Utwe
2 Biosphere Reserve is an important environmental asset for Kosrae State that includes over 300
3 species of fish, 180 coral species, as well as tropical rain forest, wetland forest, sea grass beds
4 and marine lakes. The Legislature is mindful of the biospheres unique environment and the
5 importance of ensuring that laws relating to the protection of the biosphere are clear and
6 unambiguous. The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Kosrae State Code to include specific
7 references to the Utwe Biosphere Reserve in existing legislation so that the Utwe Biosphere will
8 receive the benefit of existing protection contained in the State Code such as those contained in
9 the "Protected Areas Act" in Chapter 8 "Terrestrial and Marine Protection Areas".

10 Section 2. Amendment. Title 19 of the Kosrae State Code is hereby amended by the
11 addition of a new section 19.824 to read as follows:

12 19.824. Establishment of Utwe Biosphere Reserve

13 (1) There is hereby established the marine protected area known as the Utwe
14 Biosphere Reserve ("the Reserve") which shall be subject to the provisions of this Act and be
15 administered by KIRMA.

16 (2) The main objective of the Reserve is to preserve and prohibit any human
17 activities, particularly the harvesting of natural resources, within the core area of the Reserve.

1 (3) The Reserve is located on the South-West of Kosrae on the relatively flat
2 and narrow coastal plain extending from the foothills to the shore at 5°16'13"N; 162°57'27"E.

3 (4) The Reserve shall comprise three zones these being the core zone, buffer
4 zone and transition zone.

5 (5) The Core Zone:

6 (i) has an area of 96.4 ha and is centrally located among the other
7 zones. It's GPS coordinates are Longitude 162 degrees 57 minutes 28.937 second East, Latitude
8 5 degrees 16 minutes, 26.764 seconds North.

9 (ii) is designated a no-take zone, meaning all natural resources
10 extractive activities are prohibited.

11 (iii) The boundary coordinates for the Core Zone are to be established
12 by regulation by KIRMA.

13 Section 3. Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor or
14 upon its becoming law without such approval.

1 PASSED BY THE TENTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE ON THE 31ST DAY OF
2 AUGUST, 2012

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Lyndon P. Abraham
Speaker, Tenth Kosrae State Legislature

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12 Attested by:

Chief Clerk

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Governor, State of Kosrae

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