

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Microensia, to the family of the late President Jacob Nena, at his passing on July 6, 2022 at the age of 80.

1 WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena served our Nation
2 for over 40 years in a long and illustrious government service
3 career; and

4 WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena was a native of the
5 State of Kosrae born on October 10, 1941 in Lelu, Kosrae, and
6 early in his life he was recognized as a gifted and diligent
7 scholar; and

8 WHEREAS the late President Jacob Nena graduated from the
9 University of Guam with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science
10 in 1971, he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Public
11 Administration and Business Management from the University of
12 Hawaii (Manoa) in 1972; and,

13 WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena began his career as
14 the Political Affairs Officer for Ponape District from July 1969
15 to December 1969, then in 1970 he became the Deputy District
16 Representative for Kosrae and served in that capacity until
17 1977; and

18 WHEREAS, during his many years of service on behalf of the
19 people of Kosrae the late President Jacob Nena was very well

1 respected by his colleagues and citizens, and was elected as the
2 first Governor for the State of Kosrae (1979-1983);

3 WHEREAS, as Governor he devoted himself to building and
4 defining the new state executive branch, ensuring each
5 department and agency was properly established and working, the
6 late President Jacob Nena also served as a member of the
7 Micronesian Political Status and Transition Commission from 1979
8 to 1981, and took part in many of the instrumental decisions
9 affecting the transformation to a sovereign nation; and

10 WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena was elected to the
11 Fifth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia where he
12 served with distinction on the Committees for Health, Education
13 and Social Affairs, Judicial and Governmental Operations, and
14 External Affairs; and

15 WHEREAS, following his reelection to the Sixth Congress he
16 served as chairman of the Health, Education and Social Affairs
17 Committee, and it is through his leadership and hard work our
18 Nation continued to develop and mature; and

19 WHEREAS, recognized for his diverse skills, expertise and
20 knowledge in governance the late President Jacob Nena was again
21 elected to serve in the Congress of the Federated States of
22 Micronesia, and was then selected to be the Vice President of
23 the Federated States of Micronesia under President Bailey Olter
24 in 1991; and

25 WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena served as a strong

1 leader in this role until 1996 when President Olter became
2 incapacitated, shortly serving as an Acting President the late
3 President was then sworn in and served as our Nation's fourth
4 president from May 8, 1997 to May 11, 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, with his extensive experience the late President
6 Jacob Nena seamlessly continued to guide our Nation forward
7 contributing not only to our development but to the growth and
8 well-being of the whole Pacific region; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the
10 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022,
11 that the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and
12 sadness to the family of the late President Jacob Nena at his
13 passing on July 6, 2022 at the age of 80; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia and the family of the late President Jacob
17 Nena.

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19 Date: 7/21/22

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