

**AN ACT**

To amend KSPL No. K9-258-2013, the unified annual budget for fiscal year 2013, as amended by KSPL Nos. K9-259-2013 and K9-262-2013, by reducing the sum authorized and appropriated to "Other Hamlets Projects" by \$60,000.00, and by authorizing and appropriating \$60,000.00 for purposes of paying a bi-weekly cost-of-living allowance for employees of the Koror State Government during the fourth quarter of 2013, and by providing for the payment of a cost-of-living allowance to eligible employees in 2014 and thereafter; and for related purposes.

**THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:****Section 1. Findings.**

The Ninth Koror State Legislature (the "Legislature") hereby finds that during the ROP fiscal year 2013 (ending September 30, 2013), national and state government employees were provided a non-taxable \$20.00 bi-weekly cost of living allowance (COLA) pursuant to RPPL 8-46. This COLA will expire on September 30, 2013, but for employees of the national government, RPPL 9-8 will increase wages by \$25.00 per pay period to account for the loss of the COLA. State government employees, however, will not receive any further COLA or a wage increase under national law.

The Legislature further finds that Koror State government employees face the same increasing living costs as national government employees and will suffer in the absence of the COLA. The Legislature therefore finds that extension of the COLA benefits to eligible Koror State Government employees for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2013, and thereafter, is warranted, with funding to come from "Other Hamlets Projects" in 2013 and from local revenue thereafter.

**Section 2. Amendment of Section 10 of KSPL No. K9-258-2013, as amended by KSPL Nos. K9-259-2013 and K9-262-2013, to reduce funding for "Other Hamlets Projects" by \$60,000.00.**

Section 10 of KSPL No. K9-258-2013, as amended by KSPL Nos. K9-259-2013 and K9-262-2013, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 10. State's Programs & Special Projects. The sum of \$1,441,625.00 is hereby authorized and appropriated for expenditure and obligations for FY2013 to continue special programs and projects. Of this amount, the sum of \$770,625.00 shall come from national appropriation and the remaining sum shall come from local

1 revenue. The sum authorized and appropriated herein shall be allocated according to  
2 the following schedule:

3 a. Solid Waste Management Program ----- \$ 475,000.00

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5 e. Other Hamlets Projects ----- \$ 215,625.00

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7 Sub-total ----- \$ 1,441,625.00"

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9 **Section 3. Amendment of KSPL No. K9-258-2013 by inserting a new Section 17**  
10 **providing for a Cost-of-Living Allowance in the Fourth Calendar Quarter of 2013 and**  
11 **thereafter.**

12 KSPL No. K9-258-2013 is hereby amended by inserting the following new Section 17:

13 **“Section 17. Cost-of-Living Allowance.**

14 “The sum of \$60,000.00 is hereby authorized and appropriated to pay a  
15 \$25.00 bi-weekly cost-of-living allowance (COLA) in the fourth calendar quarter  
16 of 2013 (October 1 to December 31, 2013) to all Koror State Government  
17 employees who earn less than \$25,000.00 in an annual compensation from the  
18 State. The \$25.00 bi-weekly COLA shall continue in effect during calendar year  
19 2014 and thereafter for those Koror State Government employees who earn less  
20 than \$25,000 in an annual compensation from the State. No contract employees of  
21 the Koror State Government shall be eligible for the COLA in 2013 or in any other  
22 year. The total sum for the COLA paid in the fourth quarter of 2013 shall derive  
23 from funds previously authorized and appropriated to “Other Hamlets Projects”.  
24 In subsequent years, the total sum for the COLA shall derive from local revenue.  
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27 **Section 4. Renumbering of Sections of KSPL No. K9-258-2013.**

28 The following sections of Koror State Public Law No. K9-258-2013 are hereby renumbered

1 as follows:

2 Former Section "17" (Disbursement Certification) shall be renumbered as Section "18".

3 Former Section "18" (Repeal of Continuing Resolutions) shall be renumbered as Section  
4 "19".

5 Former Section "19" (Fiscal Year) shall be renumbered as Section "20".

6 Former Section "20" (Severability) shall be renumbered as Section "21".

7 Former Section "21" (Effective Date) shall be renumbered as Section "22".

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9 **Section 5. Severability.**

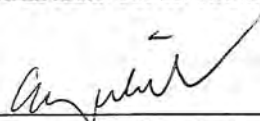
10 In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part or portion of this  
11 Act is invalid or otherwise unenforceable, then the offending part or portions may be stricken, and  
12 the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

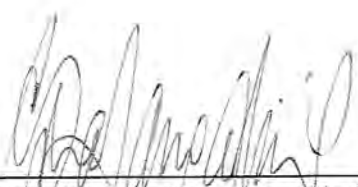
13 **Section 6. Effective Date.**

14 This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law by operation of the Koror State  
Constitution.

**PASSED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**


**AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY :**

  
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Legislator Eyo Rudimch, Speaker  
Ninth Koror State Legislature

  
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Feliciano S. Watanabe, Clerk  
Ninth Koror State Legislature

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APPROVED ON THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2013.

  
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Yositaka Adachi  
Governor, State of Koror