

FIFTH KOROR STATE LEGISLATURE

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, JANUARY - JUNE 1997

KSPL NO. K5-81-97
(Intro. as Bill No. 5-25, LD1)

AN ACT

To repeal K4-63-94 thereby abolishing the Koror State Commission on Insignia; and to adopt an official flag for the State of Koror.

THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative purpose. The purpose of this Act is to abolish the Koror State Commission of Insignia by the repeal of K4-63-94 and to adopt an official flag for the State of Koror.

Section 2. Repealer. K4-63-94 is hereby repealed and the Koror State Commission on Insignia abolished.

Section 3. Findings. The people of Koror deserve an official Flag; one befitting their pride of place and redolent with symbols telling their story. For years the Legislature attempted through a series of contests and committees and the establishment of a Commission to involve the community directly in the creation of an official flag. The Legislature as the elected representative of the people of Koror have now taken this burden and this privilege of creating a suitable flag upon themselves so that the people of Koror need wait no longer.

Section 4. Adoption of an Official State Flag.

- (a) There is hereby adopted an official flag for the State of Koror. The official flag is more particularly described in subsection (b). The first such flag shall be the model for all subsequent copies, and shall be placed and kept on public view in the Chamber of the Koror State Legislature.
- (b) The official flag is a rich and splendid reflection of Koror's cultural

heritage linked together with symbols strongly demonstrating our grasp of the present and our vision of Koror's future. Koror has adopted the circle as symbol of strength and unity; continuity and progress. The circle is not simple but regally comprised of the new crescent moon, ringed with stars. The crescent moon represents newness and evolution. It represents growth and brilliant potential, a perfect symbol of our new democratic institutions.

Six yellow-gold stars complete the circle, representing the high value we place on our six traditional hamlets. They are latched together by a larger golden star symbolizing combined central traditional hamlets.

This circle of unity surrounds and protects a traditional abai which with the depiction of historic and cultural stories on its facade represents the shelter we have in our heritage; the freedom that gives us to wander the world knowing we have a secure home waiting for our return; a solid past from which to launch our bright future. The traditional abai rests on a sure foundation of ten stones, strong symbols of the ten traditional chiefs on which our culture rests and stands.

This circle of symbolism stands regnant in a sea of blue. This background symbolizes the surrounding sea, the source of our livelihood; it is also reminiscent of our Palauan sky in which hangs the seven guiding stars of the story of our life as people of Koror, and from which the bright and growing crescent moon sheds light on the path to our future.

1. The width of the flag shall bear a ratio to its length of 1 to 1.667.
2. The diameter of the moon/star circle shall bear a ratio to its width

of the flag of 1 to 1.44.

3. The center of the circle shall be placed vertically at the center and horizontally at 1/3 point from the left of the flag.
4. The flag of the State of Koror shall be a crescent moon positioned in a 60 degrees angle, facing upper right corner of the flag, with seven (7) stars placed evenly to complete a perfect circle. The middle or central star shall bear a ratio to other six (6) stars of 2 to 1. The circle shall surround a symbol of a traditional abai

standing on a platform of 10 stones with the depiction of historic and cultural stories on its facade.

The field is Royal Blue; the stars golden yellow; the moon goldenyellow; the abai yellow with red prints; and the stones black.

Section 5. Effective date. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval by the House of Traditional Leaders or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PASSED: June 25, 1997

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

/s/ _____ /s/
Salvador Tellames, Speaker
5th Koror State Legislature

Charlyne Uong, Clerk
5th Koror State Legislature

APPROVED ON THIS 10th DAY OF July 1997.

/s/
Ibedul Y. M. Gibbons
House of Traditional Leaders