NINTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLAURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2007 L.B. No. _____

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To create a new Chapter 6, under the Kosrae State Code, Title 7, to preserve and protect the historical and cultural heritage of Kosrae; to establish the Kosrae Traditional Heritage Council, the Society of Historians, the State Registry of Historical Properties; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLAUTRE

Section 1. Short Title. This act shall be known as the Historic and Cultural Preservation Act of 2007.

Section 2. Amendment. Kosrae State Code Title 7 is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 6 to read as follows:

"Chapter 6. Traditional Heritage

Section 7.601. Purpose. The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) The State of Kosrae contains a wealth of historical, archeological and cultural properties that represent the foundation of the culture and traditions of the people of Kosrae, and which are important to maintaining and developing of the identity, pride, and integrity of the people of Kosrae, and to the world's understanding of Micronesian history and culture.

(2) Preservation and protection of historic, archeological and cultural properties presents a unique challenge of the nature of these resources, which form a fragile, finite, non-renewable, and irreplaceable resources subject to damage, loss, and destruction by neglect, oversight, uncontrolled development and land use, foreign impact, and patterns of modern land use.

(3) Increase knowledge of the historical, archeological, and cultural resources that form the legacy of the people of Kosrae, establishing a better means of identifying and administering these resources, and encouraging their preservation, study, and interpretation will improve the planning and execution of State, Municipal and private undertakings and will assist economic growth and development.