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AMENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**AMENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO
THE COVID-19**

WHEREAS, as of this Amended Declaration there are more than 4,636 deaths of the COVID-19 and more than 126,483 cases affecting more than one hundred (100) countries;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared on March 11, 2020 the COVID-19 as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, the FSM President issued a declaration of emergency on January 31, 2020 prohibiting the travel to and from China, and other countries, states, or territories which are infected by the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, I issued a declaration of emergency on February 7, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Chuuk State Legislature by Joint Resolution extended the emergency declaration for another ninety (90) days;

WHEREAS, the declaration of emergency requires quarantine for travelers to the FSM in a country where there are no infection of the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the FSM President modified the declaration of emergency on February 4, 2020 prohibiting the travel to China for all citizens of the FSM:

WHEREAS, the FSM Congress on February 12, 2020 per Congressional resolution 21-117 lifted the mandatory 14 days quarantine;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, the FSM President issued an amendment to the Public Health Emergency Declaration reinstating the mandatory 14 days quarantine;

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2020, the FSM President issued another amendment to the Public Health Emergency Declaration extending the mandatory 14 days quarantine to March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the FSM Congress revoked the Public Health Emergency Declaration by lifting the mandatory 14 days quarantine and extend the emergency declaration to sixty (60) days from January 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, Chuuk State which is the first port of entry for flights coming from Guam is the most vulnerable of all the FSM states since Guam is the hub for flights coming from China and other Asian countries infected by the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the existing medical facilities, supplies, medicines, manpower, laboratory equipment are running low and requires that as a matter of precautionary measure, Chuuk State needs to be ready for any possible carrier of the COVID-19 to infect any citizen or resident of Chuuk State;

WHEREAS, the need to screen all incoming passengers from the airport and seaport should be screened and manned by competent medical staff equipped with the necessary medical tools to ensure that the COVID-19 will not affect any citizens or residents of Chuuk State;

WHEREAS, to ensure incoming travelers to Chuuk State from countries affected by the COVID-19 from spreading in our state; an isolation or quarantine area should be set up;

WHEREAS, any prolonged or continued inaction by Chuuk State might result in a worst case scenario of an uncontrollable epidemic;

WHEREAS, in order to preserve public peace, health or safety of the people during this emergency caused by the worldwide outbreak of the COVID-19 and to avoid and prevent further loss of lives, and/or the spread of this and related diseases, it is of paramount importance that this worldwide pandemic be addressed immediately that will not affect any citizen or resident of Chuuk State;

WHEREAS, in the interest of clarity and of giving publicity to the Emergency Declaration, an amendment becomes necessary;

Now, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by Article VI, section 12 of the Chuuk State Constitution required preserving public peace, health, or safety at a time of extreme emergency caused by the worldwide pandemic of the COVID-19 due to the absence of medicines, inadequate or very

limited medical resources and facilities, I hereby amend the State of Emergency and hereby decree as follows:

That the applicable financial management and public service system laws and regulations and other applicable and relevant statutes and rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Declaration.

Furthermore, I hereby order and decree the following temporary and remedial measures to address this emergency:

- a) All travelers to Chuuk shall be screen from all ports of entry;
- b) All travelers to Chuuk originally coming from countries, states or territories which are infected by the COVID-19 shall be prohibited from entering Chuuk State unless quarantine for fourteen days with the exception of people remains (14) in a country, state or territory where no COVID-19 infection is recorded. For clarity, travelers coming or transiting Hawaii shall be quarantined in Pohnpei State for 14 days prior to the arrival in Chuuk State if Chuuk is the final destination, and travelers coming or transiting Guam shall be quarantined in Guam prior to the arrival in Chuuk State, if Chuuk is the final destination;
- c) Once Pohnpei State and/or Guam will have recorded positive COVID-19, no travelers shall be allowed to enter Chuuk State;
- d) If those travelers or patients confirmed to be carriers of the COVID-19 will be subjected to mandatory isolation and quarantine for treatment at the Chuuk State Hospital and other available isolation facilities as determined by the Director of the Department of Health Services for a treatment period as determined and recommended by the Task Force;
- e) All suspected patients who may be exposed carriers of COVID-19 and symptoms of high fever, coughing, flu like symptoms and shortness of breath shall submit to and comply with the treatment in accordance with the instructions and protocol of the Chuuk State Hospital;
- f) In accordance with the 2005 WHO International Health Regulations on possible recommendation or implementing of travel restrictions applicable to the FSM, all patients confirmed to be carriers of the 2019-nCoV or presumptive cases or travelers coming from a country, state or territory, and those persons that are exposed to the COVID-19 shall be quarantined for a period of 14 days. The Task Force may enforce this provision by providing confidential data to the Department of Transportation and Public Works of the Chuuk State Government, United Airlines, Division of Immigration and Labor of the FSM National Government and other agencies and other forms of compulsive compliance method;

- g) The Department of Public Safety shall assist the Department of Health Services in the compulsion and compliance to this declaration with respect to all affected patients or travelers; and
- h) All resources of the Chuuk State Government shall be on standby to respond and assist when needed and if necessary, to address this emergency;
- i) The Task Force shall seek funding, resources and assistance from any sources within or outside of Chuuk State;
- j) The Task Force shall recommend a temporary and/or permanent location and structure for the quarantine and/or isolation of travelers and/or persons under investigation or positive of COVID-19;
- k) The Task Force may recommend from time to time for any amendments to this Declaration to the Governor in coordination to the FSM National Task Force relative to this COVID-19; and
- l) A Task Force is hereby organized and established to address this emergency.

The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairman, Director, Department of Health Services;


Co - Chairman, Director EOC;

Members:

- a) Director, Department of Public Safety;
- b) Director, Department of Administrative Services or designee;
- c) Executive Director, Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency;
- d) Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works or his designee;
- e) Director, Department of Education or his designee;
- f) Director, Department of Marine Resources or his designee;
- g) Director, Department of Agriculture or his designee; and
- g) Attorney General or his designee.

The Task Force shall be headed by the Director of the Department of Health Services and shall within twenty four (24) hours from the issuance of this amended Declaration call a meeting. The Task Force shall address the immediate and most viable solutions to this prohibit the introduction of the COVID-19 in Chuuk State. The Task Force may request the inclusion and attendance of all relevant field offices of the FSM National Government, United Airlines and other Chuuk State offices, agencies or instrumentalities.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED this 13th day of March 2020.


JOHNSON S. ELIMO
Governor
Chuuk State