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DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the new Coronavirus (COVID-19) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration with travel restrictions for all FSM States; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of Kosrae State issued Directive No. 01-20 as a guideline in conducting the required health screening and maintaining necessary operations at the Ports of Entry in Kosrae State; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the 21st Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia through Congress Resolution 21-129 uplifted the travel restrictions imposed by the FSM President; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia reinstated the National Declaration for a State of National Public Health Emergency with the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, over 167,511 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed worldwide with 6,606 deaths in 152 effected countries; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic is a threat to the peace, health and safety of the citizens, nationals and residents of Kosrae State; and

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WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Kosrae State Government to take immediate precautionary measures to protect its citizens, nationals and residents.

NOW THEREFORE, in conjunction with the FSM Presidential Declaration on March 14, 2020, I, **Carson K. Sigrah**, Governor of Kosrae State, by virtue of Article V Section 13 of the Kosrae State Constitution, do hereby declare a state of emergency for the State of Kosrae to prevent the possible entry of COVID-19 and order as follows:

- 1) Except for urgent medical emergencies, all Kosraeans are banned from traveling to countries with confirmed cases of COVID-19 until further notice.
- 2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall identify sources of funds necessary to carry out this order and shall ensure that any unessential/non-urgent spending is suspended until further notice.
- 3) Persons traveling directly or indirectly, either by air or sea, from anywhere in mainland China since January 6, 2020, are banned from entering into Kosrae.
- 4) The following shall be used as Kosrae's Contingency Plan for COVID-19:
 - a) **Condition 5** **All Clear. No risk.**
 - b) **Condition 4** **Zero cases but COVID-19 threat exists**
 - i) Ports of Entry screening
 - ii) Public meetings/gatherings are highly discouraged
 - iii) Schools will close until further notice when there is a Person(s) Under Investigation
 - c) **Condition 3** **1 to 10 confirmed cases**
 - i) Health screenings are shifted from Points of Entry to the local communities
 - ii) Ban on all public gatherings and conferences
 - d) **Condition 2** **10 to 100 cases**
 - i) *(to be determined)*
 - e) **Condition 1** **100 cases or more**
 - i) *(to be determined)*



- 5) Except for citizens, nationals and residents of Kosrae State, travelers from or transiting through countries, states or territories with confirmed cases of COVID-19 are not allowed to enter Kosrae for the duration of this declaration. A home quarantine period of 14 days shall be required for citizens, nationals and residents arriving from affected countries, states or territories with no symptoms of COVID-19. Others with any symptom shall be subject to quarantine/isolation as deemed necessary by the Department of Health Services.
- 6) A task force is hereby established to coordinate all activities in connection with COVID-19. The Department of Health Services is designated as lead department and chair of this Task Force who will set plans and implement necessary measures to ensure that the movement of people and all travelers does not cause or allow the introduction of COVID-19 to Kosrae and to further ensure that within the next 30 days, the Kosrae State Government becomes better equipped to contain and manage any cases of COVID-19. The members of the Task Force are as follows:

1. Kosrae State Legislature Representative - HSA Committee Chairman
2. Department of Finance and Administration
3. Department of Transportation and Infrastructure
4. Department of Resources and Economic Affairs
5. Department of Education
6. FSM Department of Justice (National Police – Kosrae Office)
7. Kosrae Port Authority
8. United Airlines – Kosrae Office
9. FSM Immigration & Labor – Kosrae Office
10. FSM Customs & Tax – Kosrae Office
11. FSM R&D – Quarantine - Kosrae Office
12. Council of Mayors
13. Private Sector Representative
14. Church Representatives
15. Kosrae Women Association
16. Civil Society of Kosrae (CSoK Representative)
17. Micronesia Red Cross Society – Kosrae Chapter
18. International Organization for Migration – Kosrae Office
19. State Disaster Coordination Office

The Task Force shall convene immediately upon the issuance of this declaration and shall provide to the Governor periodic reports with any recommendations for amendment to this declaration as necessary.



- 7) For this emergency, a civil right may be impaired only to the extent actually required for the preservation of peace, health, or safety of the people of Kosrae and all residents.
- 8) The normal requirement for competitive price bidding is hereby waived for any procurement made in connection to this declaration.
- 9) Unless revoked or amended sooner, this Declaration of Emergency is valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of its approval below.

Copies of this declaration shall be transmitted to the President of the FSM, the Chairman of the Kosrae Delegation to the 21st FSM Congress, the Speaker of the 12th Kosrae State Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Kosrae State Court and the Council of Mayors.

SO ORDERED



Carson K. Sigrah
Governor of Kosrae State

Date: 3.17.20