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## **A Decree to Extend and Amend the Kosrae State Declaration of a State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of Kosrae State issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to support the January 31 and the March 14, 2020 National Declarations of Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Article V Section 13 of the Kosrae State Constitution, the March 17, 2020 Kosrae State Declaration of a State of Emergency expires after 30 days, on April 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization's Situation Report No. 87 dated April 16, 2020 shows no improvements in the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the 12<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature had met and promulgated inputs by way of resolutions for the ongoing efforts of Kosrae State against COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the extracurricular activities in all public schools have been cancelled to allow school year 2019-2020 to end one month early by May 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Kosrae and all FSM States remain among the few countries with no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the wish of Kosrae State to continue supporting the efforts of the FSM National Government in protecting the borders of this sovereign Nation from the COVID-19 virus.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Article V Section 13 of the Kosrae State Constitution to preserve public peace, health and safety of the people at a time of extreme emergency, I do hereby decree that the Kosrae

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ate Declaration of a State of Emergency from March 17, 2020 be extended with the following terms and amendments:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall identify sources of funds necessary to carry out this order and recommend to the Governor as soon as practicable, additional supplemental budget requests to the Legislature.

2. The following shall be used as Kosrae's Contingency Plan for COVID-19:

i. **Condition 5**            **All Clear. No Risk.**

ii. **Condition 4**            **Zero Cases but COVID-19 Threat Exists**

1. Ports of Entry screening is mandatory for all incoming passengers
2. Public meetings/gatherings are highly discouraged and shall be banned if a PUI (*Person Under Investigation*) is identified.
3. All frontline workers are required to use appropriate PPE during port operations and conform to directions by Health Authorities.

iii. **Condition 3**            **1 to 10 confirmed cases**

1. Health screenings shall be upgraded to include the local communities and passenger disembarkation disallowed.
2. All public gatherings and conferences shall be banned.
3. A curfew shall be in effect. From 9:00pm to 6:00am, all minors must be in their usual place of residence unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

iv. **Condition 2**            **10 to 100 confirmed cases**

1. Except for services that require continued operation to ensure continuity of Government and the protection of health and safety of the people, all offices shall be closed for business until further notice.

v. **Condition 1**

1. (to be determined)



3. The COVID-19 Task Force shall continue to be chaired by the Department of Health Services as designated lead Department and its membership amended to read as follows:

- i. Kosrae State Legislature Representative – HSA Committee Chairman
- ii. Department of Finance & Administration
- iii. Department of Transportation & Infrastructure
- iv. Department of Resources & Economic Affairs
- v. Department of Education
- vi. Office of the Attorney General
- vii. FSM Department of Justice (National Police-Kosrae Office)
- viii. Kosrae Port Authority
- ix. United Airlines – Kosrae Office
- x. FSM Immigration & Passport Services – Kosrae Office
- xi. FSM Customs & Tax – Kosrae Office
- xii. FSM R&D, Quarantine Division – Kosrae Office
- xiii. FSM Telecommunication Corp – Kosrae Branch
- xiv. Vital – FSMPC –Kosrae Branch
- xv. Council of Mayors
- xvi. Kosrae Chamber of Commerce representative
- xvii. Church representative
- xviii. Kosrae Women Association representative
- xix. Civil Society of Kosrae (CSOK) representative
- xx. MRCS – Kosrae Chapter representative
- xxi. IOM – Kosrae Office representative
- xxii. State Disaster Coordination Officer
- xxiii. COM-FSM, Kosrae Campus Representative
- xxiv. Kosrae Utilities Authority

The Task Force shall convene once a week and provide weekly updates and recommendations to the Governor no later than 24 hours after each meeting. The





- b. Actual charges for transportation of goods from place of previous sale in the State to the place of second sale; and
- c. A sum not greater than 10% of the price paid or promised to be paid to the previous seller.

7. In conjunction with the FSM President's April 3, 2020 Decree for Fishing Vessels, the following arrangements shall apply to all seaports in Kosrae State:

- i. A 24-hour joint security watch by the Kosrae Port Authority and the Kosrae State Police at the main entries to the Okat Dock, the Okat Shipyard and the Lelu Dock if utilized is hereby established to ensure no egress of ships' personnel and/or entry of unauthorized personnel at all times.

8. Any violation of this amended Declaration will be subject to strict penalties as stipulated under the Kosrae State Emergency Act of 2020.

9. Unless revoked or amended sooner, this amended Declaration of a State of Emergency is valid for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on the date of endorsement below.

Copies of this Amended Declaration shall be transmitted to the President of the FSM, the Kosrae State Delegation to the 21<sup>st</sup> FSM Congress, the Speaker of the 12<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Kosrae State Court and the Council of Mayors.

**SO ORDERED,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CS", is written over a horizontal line.

Carson K. Sigran  
Governor of Kosrae State

4.17.22

Date