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### AMENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

#### FURTHER AMENDING THE AMENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**WHEREAS**, as of this Amended Declaration there are more than 252,000 deaths of the COVID-19 and more than 3,460,000 cases affecting more than two hundred (200) 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**, on April 17, 2020, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia by Resolution No. 21 - 138 amended and extended the emergency declaration of the FSM President;

**WHEREAS**, CFSM resolution no. 21 - 138 generally prohibits the entry of any person from any infected country, state or territory into the FSM as long as the COVID-19 pandemic persists;

**WHEREAS**, CFSM resolution no. 21 - 138 may grant rare exceptions on a case by case basis, for certified health experts, technicians and workers assigned to assist the FSM with respect to COVID-19, returning medical referral patients, premised upon prior favorable advise, assessment and recommendation of the FSM Task Force in consultation with the state task forces, and subject to all

screening detection, quarantine and isolation procedures and protocols of the State of destination;

**WHEREAS**, the CFSM resolution no. 21 - 138 permits travel by air or sea between and within FSM states, as long as there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases within any of the FSM states. Only air and sea travel between the FSM states is permitted, travel that originates outside of the FSM is not permitted. (ie. flights originating in Guam or Hawaii or any other affected area are not permitted and ships originating from any affected area are not permitted). All passengers will be screened at the airports or seaports prior to check in or boarding and are subject to health screening procedures in the FSM state of destination. Any passenger exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to board the plane or ship. Any passenger that develops symptoms during transit will be permitted to enter at their final destination, but will subject to quarantine/isolation requirements;

**WHEREAS**, CFSM resolution no. 21 - 138 does not permit passengers to disembark into the FSM from any air or vessel that originates outside the FSM, subject to exceptions in section 4, for FSM citizens international travels and section 9, for commercial sea vessels because of the lack of quarantine and isolation facilities within the FSM;

**WHEREAS**, the CFSM Resolution No. 21 - 138 encourages the FSM National Government and States governments resolves to implement effective and uniform countermeasures to combat the spread of this rare and deadly virus across all of our states:

**WHEREAS**, the FSM President during the video conference calls discourages the travel of the FSM residents between states;

**WHEREAS**, my latest amended emergency declaration on April 15, 2020 by prohibiting entry of passengers to Chuuk State until the midnight of May 7, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the inadequate quarantine facilities, the existing medical facilities, supplies, medicines, manpower, laboratory equipment (such as only three (3) operational ventilators) 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 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 including sufficient numbers of test kits and gene Xpert equipment;

**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 fully set up, operational and manned;

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of saving lives, preparation of the quarantine and isolation areas, stock piling of medical inventories and providing confidence building to health workers, further 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 issue this amendment to the state of emergency declaration and hereby decree as follows:

**I. Strengthening Chuuk State Ports of Entry and incoming vessels**

1) All impositions and restrictions of sections 9 and 10 of CFSM resolution no. 21 - 138 are hereby fully incorporated in so far as they are applicable subject to the guidelines issued by the Department of Transportation and Public Works upon the instruction of the Task Force.

2) All crews/passengers of the FSM surveillance patrol vessel shall produce pre-boarding or departure screening records from the health department of the state of origin, and shall be subject to screening by the Department of Health Services upon the direction of the Task Force before disembarking from Weno point of entry in Chuuk State. (The only port of entry is open for crews/passengers to disembark is Weno). Any crews/passengers exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 shall be subject to quarantine/isolation procedures and protocols of Chuuk State. Once a positive COVID-19 is confirmed from other FSM state where the FSM surveillance patrol vessel originates, all crews/passengers shall be considered as person under investigation and shall be subject to screening/quarantine/testing/isolation procedures and protocols of Chuuk State.

3) All crews/passengers at Weno ports of entry shall undergo mandatory screening and shall honestly answer the screening questionnaires provided.

**II. Travel ban, impositions and restrictions**

1) All travelers to Chuuk State shall only disembark and be screened in Weno, ports of entry;

2) All travelers to Chuuk State from any COVID-19 infected country, state or territory shall not be permitted to enter Chuuk State subject to the exceptions provided in section 4 of CFSM resolution no. 21 - 138, in consultation with the Chuuk Department of Health Services.

3) All travelers to Chuuk State originating from countries, states or territories (as provided in the exceptions in section 4 of CFSM resolution no. 21 - 138) affected by the COVID-19 shall be subjected to mandatory



screening/quarantine/testing/isolation procedures and protocols for quarantine for a minimum of fourteen days (14) or for a longer period to be determined by the Department of Health Services upon the direction of the Task Force;

4) All passengers originating from any FSM states are permitted travel by air or sea to Chuuk, Weno port of entry, as long as there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases within any of the FSM states. Only air and sea travel between the FSM states is permitted to enter Chuuk State, Weno ports of entry, travel that originates outside of the FSM is not permitted. (ie. Interstate travel is authorized only via FSM flagged passenger airplanes, vessels or FSM Surveillance vessels). All passengers will be screened at the airports or seaports prior to check in or boarding and are subject to health screening procedures in Chuuk State, Weno ports of entry only. Any passenger exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to board the plane or ship going to Chuuk State, Weno ports of entry. Any passenger that develops symptoms during transit will be permitted to enter at their Chuuk State, Weno ports of entry, but will be subjected to protocols and quarantine/isolation requirements set by Chuuk Department of Health Services;

5) Any person who is tested positive for COVID-19 shall be placed in isolation for a period to be determined by the Department of Health Services;

6) All person who may be exposed with COVID-19 and symptoms of high fever, coughing, flu like symptoms and shortness of breath shall submit to and comply with the investigations, treatment and procedures in accordance with the instructions and protocol of the Chuuk Department of Health Services;

7) Classes in all schools' levels shall be suspended until further notice;

8) All school teachers during the suspension of classes shall spearhead the educational awareness on proper hygiene, social distancing and prevention of COVID-19 infection and other duties as may be assigned at the direction of the Task Force;

9) The Board of Directors of the Department of Education shall formulate a plan of action and its implementation on how to proceed or to do with the graduating students and other students since classes has been suspended and school year shortened;

10) The Department of Education's management employees shall continue to work and/or be assigned to any COVID-19 related program or activities;

11) All persons shall faithfully comply with the program and instructions of the Task Force relative to the proper hygiene, social distancing, and prevention of COVID-19 infection and treatment;

12) Travels by any Chuuk State Government employees or officials are hereby suspended until further notice;

13) Price gouging or unjustifiable increase in price of basic food, medical, cleaning and construction materials or commodities since the March 16, 2020 Declaration is hereby prohibited. Hoarding of basic commodities are also prohibited. The Task Force shall issue guidelines on how these restrictions shall be defined, enforced, implemented and other appropriate applicable provisions;

14) The 15<sup>th</sup> Chuuk State Legislature is hereby authorized to conduct its sessions via Teleconference/videoconference media from a site in Guam or in other country, state or territory that would be agreed to by the Senate whenever appropriate to achieve a quorum or to ensure full participation of its entire members as they may seem fit;

15) Any person who willfully disobeys any of the restrictions or decree set by this amended declaration shall be prosecuted or be held liable in accordance with law;

Parts III (Emergency task force; composition; duties and responsibilities) and IV (funds and decrees) of the emergency declaration, as amended, is hereby fully adopted.

### **III. Transition and final clauses**

This amended declaration is effective from May 8, to midnight of May 22, 2020.

The emergency declaration issued on February 7, 2020, as extended by the Chuuk State Legislature for ninety (90) days and amended emergency declarations issued on March 13, 16, 27, 29, April 4, and 15 are hereby superseded in so far as to its inconsistent provisions.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

  
JOHNSON S. ELIMO  
Governor  
Chuuk State