



*The President*  
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**Decree in relation to the Public Health Emergency Declaration**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia issued emergency declaration placing travel ban and restrictions in response to the ongoing spread of the new Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, the President amended the emergency declaration on February 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2020, the FSM Congress amended the emergency declaration by Congressional Resolution No. 21-117, which lifted the 14-day quarantine requirement, but extended the period of declaration up to 60 days from the date of the Declaration;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, the President responded to the Congressional Resolution No. 21-117 by reinstating the 14-day quarantine through an amended Declaration, and specify that the 14-day quarantine period will continue in effect until February 28, 2020;

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia to further extend the travel restrictions given that many key information about this disease remain unknown;

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus and the increasing number of confirmed cases globally;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, pursuant to the authority vested upon me under Article X Section 9 of the FSM Constitution and in light of the Congressional Resolution No. 21-117, do hereby issue the following decree and clarify the Emergency Declaration as follows:

(1) The 14-day travel restriction contained in the Amended Emergency Declaration, February 14, 2020 is extended to March 13, 2020. For the purpose of this paragraph, the 14-day travel restriction means that: Persons travelling into FSM from countries, states or territories with confirmed cases of the coronavirus (other than mainland China) are not allowed to enter into the FSM unless they have stayed in countries, states or territories with no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus for a period of no less than 14-day immediately prior to their entry into the FSM.

(2) All other terms of the February 14, 2020 Amended Emergency Declaration and the attached February 14, 2020 Clarification, which was made part of the February 14, 2020 Amended Public Health Emergency Declaration remain the same until modified or rescinded.

SO ORDERED.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David W. Panuelo'.

David W. Panuelo  
President

Date: Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**February 14, 2020**

## **Clarification of the Public Health Emergency Declaration**

(A) It is clarified that with respect to paragraphs #3 and #4 to the extent concerning "*commercial sea vessels*" (which means: fishing vessels, cargo vessels and oil tankers), travelling to the FSM for the purpose of trade and commerce, the following understanding applies:

(1) Commercial sea vessels traveling from or transiting through mainland China or any country, state or territory with confirmed cases of the Coronavirus are allowed to continue to deliver goods, commodities or supplies to the FSM as part of regular trade and commerce; provided, that such vessels have spent an uninterrupted period of no less than 14 days at sea prior to arrival in the FSM. If commercial sea vessels transit or stop in a port or anywhere in a country, state or territory that has no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus, then such transit or stop is not considered as an "interruption" of the 14 days required in this paragraph.

(2) While operating at sea, should any of these commercial sea vessels come into contact with any other vessel that does not meet the requirement of paragraph (1), then these commercial sea vessels must comply with the 14 days requirement prior to their entry into the FSM.

(3) Upon arrival, crewmembers of such vessels are subject to customs, immigration and quarantine inspections; additionally, they will be subject to any additional screening and inspection processes mandated by national and state Health authorities. With the exception of fishing vessel crews, crewmembers are allowed to disembark their vessels only in the performance of required operational duties and only within the immediate dock facilities. Fishing vessel crews may be allowed to proceed onshore provided that their 14 uninterrupted days at sea can be verified, and they are cleared by Health authorities.

(4) Any crewmembers showing any symptoms of the Coronavirus as determined by the FSM Health authorities are subject to quarantine procedures.

(B) It is further clarified that with respect to commercial airlines conducting regular transit service through the FSM, crewmembers and technical support personnel on board the aircraft may exit the aircraft in order to carry out inspection and regular duties around the aircraft, but they are not permitted to enter any airport facilities except for those necessary for the safe operation of the airline.