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AMENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, as of this Amended Declaration there are more than 6,501 deaths of the COVID-19 and more than 160,357 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, on March 14, 2020, the FSM President declared another emergency in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic and rescinding all prior declaration and amendments;

WHEREAS, I amended our emergency declaration on March 13, 2020 by imposing stringent requirements to travelers;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, three (3) positive COVID-19 cases has been reported in Guam;

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, a 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 amend the State of Emergency and hereby decree as follows:

I. Strengthening Chuuk State Ports of Entry and incoming vessels

- 1) All types of vessels commercial or otherwise, travelling from or transiting through any country, state, or territory with confirmed COVID-19 are allowed to continue to deliver goods, commodities provided that such vessels spent an uninterrupted period of not less than 14 days at sea prior to arrival in Chuuk State.
- 2) Upon arrival crew members and passengers of all types of vessels, are subject to screening protocols by the Department of Health Services.
- 3) All members of the crew and passengers of all types of vessels shall be prohibited from disembarking the vessel except if necessary for the offloading or loading of any cargo and only within the immediate dock facilities.
- 4) All passengers at all ports of entry shall undergo mandatory screening and shall honestly answer the screening questionnaires provided.

II. Travel ban and restrictions

- 1) All travelers to Chuuk shall be screen from all ports of entry;
- 2) 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 (14) in a country, state or territory where no COVID-19 infection is recorded;
- 3) Notwithstanding subsection 2 above, travelers from any country, state or territory which has a confirmed COVID-19 infection shall be prohibited from entering Chuuk State for a period of twelve (12) days effective upon signing of this agreement;
- 4) Any traveler to Chuuk shall be quarantined upon the direction of the Director of the Department of Health Services for a period of not less than 14 days in a place designated as such;
- 5) Any person suspected to have symptoms of COVID-19 shall be isolated upon the direction of the Director of the Department of Health Services;
- 6) Any person who are tested positive for COVID-19 shall be placed in an isolation for a period to be determined by the Department of Health Services;
- 7) All person 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 Department of Health Services.
- 8) Classes in all schools' levels shall be suspended until further notice;

9) 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;

10) 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;

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

12) 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; and

13) All Chuuk State Government travel by its employees or officials are hereby suspended unless the traveler can show the extreme necessity of the purpose of the travel.

III. Emergency task force; composition; duties and responsibilities; reporting

The Task Force is hereby established to coordinate all activities that need to be undertaken and measures that must be formulated and implemented in connection to the COVID-19. The Task Force shall be responsible for setting up plans to provide all necessary measures that will ensure that the movement of people in and to Chuuk State do not cause the introduction of COVID-19.

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) Attorney General or his designee;

h) Representative from the Chuuk State Legislature;

i) Branch manager of United Airlines;

j) Manager of TRANSCO;

k) Division of Planning and Statistics;

l) Chuuk Women's Council; and

m) Duly authorized representative from Chuuk Chamber of Commerce.



The Task Force shall convene from time to time to ensure and shall submit report not less than twice a week to the Governor and Chuuk State Legislature. The Task Force may require the inclusion and attendance of all relevant field offices of the FSM National Government and other Chuuk State offices, agencies or instrumentalities and other nongovernment organizations.

The Task Force shall seek funding or any form of resources from within the FSM or outside the FSM.

The Task Force shall, if necessary to achieve the objective of this emergency recommend to the Governor any measures that may require issuance of appropriate decrees.

IV. Funds and decrees

1) Pursuant to Article 6, section 12 (a) of the Chuuk State Constitution, the Governor may issue appropriate decrees in connection with the emergency declaration and all its amendments. The Task Force shall monitor the implementation, enforcement and full compliance of Decrees and provide timely report.

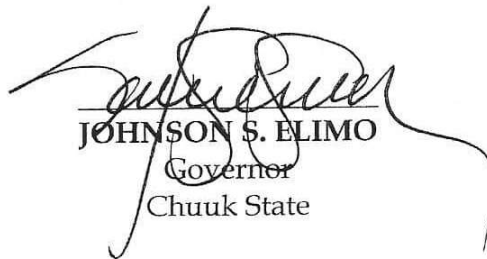
2) Applicable financial management and public service system laws and regulations and other applicable and relevant statutes and rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Declaration.

3) Pursuant to Article 6, section 12 (b) of the Chuuk State Constitution this declaration may impair civil rights to the extent actually required for the preservation of health, peace or safety.

V. Transition and final clauses

The emergency declaration issued on February 7, 2020 and amended emergency declaration issued on March 13, 2020 are hereby superseded in so far as to its inconsistent provisions.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED this 16th day of March 2020.


JOHNSON S. ELIMO
Governor
Chuuk State

