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

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 I issued another amended declaration prohibiting the entry into Chuuk State of passengers from countries, states or territories which has confirmed COVID-19 infection for a period of twelve(12) days;

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, I issued another amended emergency declaration extending for another twenty one (21) days the prohibition of the entry of travelers from countries, states or territories who has confirmed COVID-19 positive cases;

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020 an amended emergency declaration was issued prohibiting any travelers from entering Chuuk State until April 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020 an amended emergency declaration was issued authorizing the teleconference for the sessions of the House of Senate since five (5) of its members are off island;

WHEREAS, the facilities for the quarantine and isolation have been delayed including the arrival of medicines, medical equipment, testing kits for COVID-19, medical supplies especially the personal protective equipment and the ongoing drought which affects Chuuk State's water supply;

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 another amendment to the state of emergency declaration and hereby decree as follows:

Section II of the amended emergency declaration is hereby amended to read as follows by reinstating and extending the prohibition of travelers from entering Chuuk State and the amending subsection 16:

### I. Travel ban and restrictions

"4) Notwithstanding subsection 3, no travelers shall be allowed to enter Chuuk State from April 18 to midnight of May 7, 2020."

"16) 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 o 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."

#### II. Transition and final clauses

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 and April 4, 2020 are hereby superseded in so far as to its inconsistent provisions.

**SO ORDERED AND DECREED** this  $15^{+k}$  day of April 2020.

Chuuk State