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**A RESOLUTION**

Amending Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-02 by extending the expiration date thereof to July 10, 2020, in the recognition that additional time is highly essential to increase the State's level of preparedness to combat the imminent threat of COVID-19 should it reach our shores.

1       **WHEREAS**, by the authority vested in the Governor, pursuant  
2     to Article 13, Section 9 of the Pohnpei Constitution, the Governor, the  
3     Honorable Reed B. Oliver, on March 11, 2020 issued Constitutional  
4     Emergency Order No. 20-01, declaring a State of Emergency for the  
5     State of Pohnpei in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19; and

6       **WHEREAS**, Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-01 set the  
7     State's level of response to COVID-19 by requiring that all incoming  
8     passengers on flights and vessels present medical certificate and be  
9     placed in a mandatory 14 days quarantine at designated quarantine  
10    areas upon arrival into Pohnpei; and

11       **WHEREAS**, after 10 days, on March 21, 2020 the Governor  
12    amended Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-01 by ordering a  
13    statewide lockdown, banning all incoming passengers into the State of  
14    Pohnpei, except for crews on commercial aircraft and vessels in  
15    performance of their duties provided that they do not come in contact  
16    with any ground-based personnel; and

17       **WHEREAS**, on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Tenth Pohnpei Legislature  
18    adopted L.R. No. 25-20 extending the effects of the Governor's  
19    Constitutional Emergency Order to May 10, 2020 in the realization that  
20    the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic reaching our shores with  
21    devastating effects on our people, our economy, our State are greater  
22    than ever; and

23       **WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020, the Governor further amended  
24    the Constitutional Emergency Order to provide further, that in the event  
25    of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances caused by accidents,

1 force majeure, disease, illness or other extenuating factors that may  
2 result in substantial risk, injury or loss of life to any person, the  
3 Department of Health Services in coordination with relevant state  
4 agencies and the Pohnpei Task Force shall, on a case by case basis,  
5 undertake all required medical protocols and health measures relative to  
6 COVID-19 including risk assessment, quarantine or isolation  
7 requirements or a combination thereof deemed necessary, prior to  
8 allowing any person entry into the State; and

9       **WHEREAS**, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020 Pohnpei State Governor,  
10 the Honorable Reed B. Oliver, issued his second Constitutional  
11 Emergency Order, labeled as “Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-  
12 02,” considering that the State of Pohnpei still required additional time  
13 to elevate its level of preparedness necessary to protect our economy,  
14 health and safety of the people of Pohnpei; and

15       **WHEREAS**, the Second Constitutional Emergency Order is set  
16 to expire on June 10, 2020; but

17       **WHEREAS**, this Legislative Assembly recognizes that the  
18 COVID-19 pandemic will continue to be a world-wide threat well  
19 beyond that date; and

20       **WHEREAS**, just two days prior to the expected expiration of  
21 the protective measures contained in Constitutional Emergency Order  
22 No. 20-02, there are almost seven million confirmed cases of the virus  
23 and more than 400,000 lives that have been lost around the world to  
24 this terrible disease; and

25       **WHEREAS**, in the assessment of its sworn duties, the Tenth

1 Pohnpei Legislature has personally requested inquiries from essential  
2 personnel and further conducted necessary site visits in order to  
3 evaluate the status of the State's level of preparedness to handle  
4 COVID-19 should it reach our shores; and

5 **WHEREAS**, based on the inquiries and site visits, it is the sense  
6 of the Tenth Pohnpei Legislature that the State still requires additional  
7 time to escalate and improve its level of preparedness in order to  
8 combat the disease before opening up our gates again to the outside  
9 world; now, therefore,


10 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Tenth Pohnpei Legislature, Second  
11 Regular Session, 2020, that in accordance with the authority invested in  
12 the Pohnpei Legislature pursuant to Section 9(3) of Article 13 of the  
13 Pohnpei Constitution, Paragraph 8) of Constitutional Emergency Order  
14 No. 20-02 is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 "8) Unless revoked or amended sooner, this Constitutional  
16 Emergency Order is valid for a period of sixty (60) days counting from  
17 May 11, 2020."; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this  
19 resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Pohnpei, to the Chief Justice  
20 of the Pohnpei Supreme Court, to the President of the Federated States of  
21 Micronesia, to the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of  
22 Micronesia, and to the Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court.

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24 **ADOPTED BY THE POHNPEI LEGISLATURE ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY**  
25 **OF JUNE, 2020.**

  
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Speaker, Pohnpei Legislature

Attest:   
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Legislative Clerk