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CONSTITUTIONAL EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 20-04

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor issued Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-01 which declared a state of emergency for the State of Pohnpei in response to the imminent threat of Covid-19, and thereafter subsequent amendments necessary to further ensure the health and safety of the people of Pohnpei; and

WHEREAS, due to the state of emergency, several measures were imposed by Pohnpei State which includes health screening, quarantine, and strengthening the state's current preventive and containment measures against Covid-19 in terms of public awareness, structural facilities, monitoring and surveillance at the airport and seaport areas and travel bans; and

WHEREAS. on April 9, 2020, the Tenth Pohnpei Legislature extended Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-01 for another 60 days counting from March 11, 2020 which expired on May 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the Governor issued Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-02 due to the critical need for additional time to elevate its level of preparedness necessary to protect the economy, health, and safety of the people of Pohnpei which was set to expire on June 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the Tenth Pohnpei Legislature adopted L.R. No. 34-20, L.D.1 extending the effects of Constitutional Emergency Order No. 20-02 to July 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, upon its expiration, the Governor issued Constitutional Emergency Order 20-03 on July 11, 2020 which was set to expire on August 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional Emergency Order 20-03 was subsequently amended by the Tenth Pohnpei Legislature on July 24, 2020 and August 7, 2020 respectively with the adoption of Legislature Resolutions No. 30-20 (relating to international and interstate travel restrictions) and 40-20 which further extended the effects of Constitutional Emergency Order 20-03 for 120 days from July 11, 2020. On October 13, 2020, with the adoption of Legislature Resolution No. 50-20, the time period was further extended to 210 days from July 11, 2020 which is currently set to expire on February 6, 2021; and