

WHEREAS, given the undeniable vulnerability of the state of Pohnpei to the Covid-19 pandemic experienced all over the world and the limited resources available to combat and mitigate the effects of Covid-19, it is of paramount importance and legal duty to continue to take all the emergency precautionary measures and interventions necessary to protect and save the lives of our people;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Reed B. Oliver, Governor of the State of Pohnpei, pursuant to the authority vested upon me under Article 13, Section 9 of the Pohnpei Constitution and pursuant to 8 PC 1-102(e), do hereby declare a state of emergency for the State of Pohnpei in response to the continuous and imminent threat of COVID-19 and order as follows:

- 1) The Pohnpei COVID-19 Emergency Task Force is hereby reactivated.
- 2) The COVID-19 Contingency Plan for Pohnpei State shall be at the level of Cov-Con 4(b) with an elevated level of response at Cov-Con3. All departments, offices, and agencies are urged to perform all tasks required pursuant to their respective roles under the plan.
- 3) The Department of Treasury & Administration in cooperation with Office of Budget shall identify sources of funds necessary to carry out this order and recommend to the Governor.
- 4) Funding assistance shall be immediately requested from the Office of the President of the FSM, as deemed necessary.
- 5) Government travel by Pohnpei State Government employees are hereby suspended until further notice for the duration of this emergency declaration.
- 6) Air and sea travel:
  - a) With respect to international travel:
    - (i) No passenger is allowed to disembark in the State of Pohnpei, except crew of commercial airlines, humanitarian support aircraft and vessels, including search and rescue assets, and all cargo vessels and tankers who may disembark only in the performance of required operational duties within the immediate airport or seaport facilities; PROVIDED that they do not come in contact with anyone including airport or seaport personnel per World Health Organization guidelines on COVID-19; and
    - (ii) PROVIDED FURTHER, that in the event of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances caused by accidents, *force majeure*, disease, illness, or other extenuating factors that may result in substantial risk, injury or loss of life to any person, the Department of Health and Social Services in coordination with relevant state agencies and the Pohnpei Task Force