

Annex I Executive Order of State of Emergency due to NCD



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

DECLARING A STATE OF HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO THE EPIDEMIC OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs) IN CHUUK STATE AND ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH PROGRAMS TO STOP THE EPIDEMIC AND REDUCE THE RISK FACTORS FOR NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

WHEREAS, the State of Health Emergency on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) has been declared by the Pacific Island Forum Leaders held in New Zealand on September 2011, the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA by its Resolution No. 48-1) and endorsed by the Micronesian Chief Executive, Micronesian Presidents, Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, Micronesian Traditional Leaders Council and Micronesian Chief Justices and the Pacific Island Forum Leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Nadi Statement, on the Crisis of Non-Communicable Diseases in the Pacific Island Countries, is being adopted as a pan Pacific statement on NCDs and has been addressed at the High Level Meeting in the United Nation General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Chuuk as one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia and home to more than 47,000 people living in 40 municipalities spanning hundreds of square miles of ocean; and

WHEREAS, the leading causes of morbidity and mortality for adults in Chuuk are from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), including obesity, cancer, heart diseases including stroke, diabetes, depression, and injury; and

WHEREAS, the rates of NCDs and their risk factors for adults in Chuuk are high and rapidly increasing, including high tobacco use, high alcohol consumption, significant environmental and behavioral health barriers to healthy eating and healthy families – a propensity toward injury and a high prevalence of sedentary lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, NCDs cause a significant loss in longevity, quality of life, and loss to workforce productivity in Chuuk; and

WHEREAS, the NCDs burden can be expected to worsen significantly over the next generation, with children dying before their parents due to premature mortality, because of NCDs knowing the comparatively large percentage of youth in the Chuuk population; and

WHEREAS, the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) has reached an epidemic proportion in Chuuk State resulting in the Department of Health Services spending a minimum of 50 percent of its appropriated budget for its management; and

WHEREAS, the current health care system in Chuuk State, including the health account, human resource capacities, ancillary and support services, model of health care delivery and over all policy designs are inadequate in addressing the burden of NCDs efficiently; and

WHEREAS, strengthening care systems, reinvigorating primary health care and revitalizing health setting that will improve other programs in the Department of Health Services is urgently needed at this time in order to stop, reduce and eliminate the incidences of Non-Communicable Diseases;

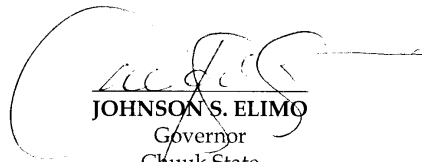
Now, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by Article VI, section 12 of the Chuuk State Constitution required preserving public peace, health, or safety at a time of extreme emergency caused by the epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) due to the absence of medicines, inadequate or very limited medical workforce, resources, facilities and awareness, refusal, neglect, ignorance or poor sanitary conditions and other relevant factors relating NCDs, I hereby order as follows:

1. The Director of the Chuuk State Department of Health Services is to utilize the Department's command system to coordinate activities to manage the crisis brought about by Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).
2. The Director of the Chuuk State Department of Health Services will align all policies, programs, services and activities of the Department of Health Services in order to stop the epidemic and reduce the risk factors for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).
3. All principal officers, advisors, head of the State Government's agencies, bureaus, commissions and taskforce, when called upon, are to assist the Director of Health Services in his effort to engage, undertake and tackle the crisis on Non-Communicable Diseases.

4. The Director of the Chuuk State Department of Health Services shall keep all records of requests for assistance from the principal officers, advisors and heads of states' agencies, bureaus, commissions and taskforces, to include any form of assistance provided and report to the Governor.
5. A Task Force is hereby organized and established to address this emergency. The Task Force shall compose of the following:
- a) Chairman of the Disease Surveillance Technical Group;
 - b) Members of the Disease Surveillance Technical Group;
 - c) Director, Department of Health Services;
 - d) Director, Department of Public Safety;
 - e) Attorney General;
 - f) Executive Director, Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency;
 - g) Director, Department of Education;
 - h) Two (2) members of the Non Government Organizations to be selected by the Chairman; and
 - i) Mayor of Weno Municipality or his designee.

The Task Force shall be headed by the Chairman of the Disease Surveillance Technical Group and shall immediately from the issuance of this Declaration call a meeting. The Task Force shall address the immediate and most viable solutions to this epidemic and for the duration of this epidemic.

SO ORDERED on this 8th day of October 2011.


JOHNSON S. ELIMO
Governor
Chuuk State