



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-03

Declaring a State of Health Emergency due to the epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Kosrae State and ordering the Director of Health Services to immediately establish programs to stop, reduce and eliminate the incident of non-communicable diseases.

WHEREAS, the State of Health Emergency on Non-Communicable Disease (NCDs) has been declared by the Pacific Island Forum Leaders meeting 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

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 Nations General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Kosrae as one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia, and home to more than 6,616 people of which 21.9% of 45-74 years of age which is at higher risk of morbidity and mortality due to chronic diseases and its complications; and

WHEREAS, the data for the leading causes of death in Kosrae reveal that deaths due to chronic diseases represented 58.3% of all deaths in 2008, 50.9% of all deaths in 2009, and 32.6% of the deaths in 2010; and

WHEREAS, data for prevalence of obesity, diabetes, and hypertension from self-selected populations reveals that 82% of the participation in Wellness Program are obese or overweight, 31% are diabetic or pre-diabetic, and 29% are hypertensive or pre-hypertensive and data from the Community Health Clubs



show that 95.8% of the participants are obese or overweight, 14.1% are diabetic and 5.6% are hypertensive; and

WHEREAS, Kosrae has experienced a decade long stability in the food system in which people prefer imported processed food over healthy local food despite nutrition education and awareness activities; and

WHEREAS, NCDs cause a significant loss in longevity, quality of life and loss to workforce productivity in Kosrae and if not prevented early will bankrupt the health care system in Kosrae; and

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

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

WHEREAS, strengthening care system, 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 the Kosrae State Constitution requiring preservation of public peace, health and safety at a time of extreme emergency caused by the outbreak of Non Communicable Diseases due to the absence of medicines, inadequate or very limited medical workforce, resources, facilities and awareness, refusal, neglect, ignorance and other relevant factors relating to NCDs, I hereby order as follows:



1. The Director of the Department of Health Services in Kosrae will align all policies, programs, services and activities of the Department in order to stop, reduce, and eliminate the incidences of Non Communicable Diseases.
2. All principal officers, advisors, heads of State Government's agencies, bureaus, commissions, boards and taskforces, 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.
3. The Director of the Department of Health Services in Kosrae shall convene a Non communicable Disease Summit in Kosrae within 90 days from the effective date of this declaration to address the NCD crisis. All NCD Stakeholders in the state must participate in the summit.
4. A Healthy Lifestyle Coalition to be known as "Kosrae Wolana" is hereby organized and established to address this emergency. Following are the members of "Kosrae Wolana":
 - a. Chairman, Kosrae Tobacco Free Coalition
 - b. Chairman, Kosrae Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership
 - c. Chairman, Kosrae Substance Abuse and Mental Health Council
 - d. Chairman, Island Food and Fitness Organization
 - e. Chairman, Kosrae Women Association
 - f. Chairman, Kosrae Senior Citizens Organization
 - g. Chairman, Kosrae Youth Development Association
 - h. Chairman, Health Advisory Council
 - i. President, Kosrae Medical Association
 - j. President, Kosrae Nurses Association
 - k. Chairman, Kosrae Maayor's Council
 - l. Chairman, Kosrae Council of Pastors
 - m. Chairman, Kosrae Chamber of Commerce



- n. Chairman, Kosrae Sports Council
- o. Governor's designee
- p. Director of Health Services
- q. Chairman, Committee on Health and Social Affairs, KSL
- r. Director of Education or Designee
- s. Director of Resources and Economic Affairs or Designee
- t. Director of Kosrae Island Resource Management or Designee

The Director of Health Services will convene Coalition members within 30 days from the issuance of this Declaration to choose, organize and elect leadership. The Coalition shall address the immediate and most viable solution to the NCD outbreak for the duration of the outbreak declaration. The Division of Preventive Services in the Department of Health Services will serve as the Secretariat for "Kosrae Wolana".

SO ORDERED this 17 day of April 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "LH Jackson", written over a horizontal line.

Lyndon H. Jackson
Governor
Kosrae State