



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

