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DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO PRESERVE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2026, the Chuuk Disaster and Emergency Operation Center, reports that Tropical Storm Sinlaku (04W) was located approximately 70 miles north-northwest of Chuuk as of 7:00 A.M. ChST, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph, and that the system continues to pose a threat to Chuuk State and its surrounding islands and waters; and

WHEREAS, Situation Report No. 2 issued by the Chuuk Disaster and Emergency Operation Center reports that Tropical Storm Warning remains in effect for Chuuk Lagoon Islands, Fananu, Ulul, and Pollowat in Chuuk State, and that Tropical Storm Sinlaku continues to affect Chuuk State with maximum sustained winds of about 70 mph; and

WHEREAS, Situation Report No. 2 further confirms that Chuuk State islands are experiencing severe damage from Tropical Storm Sinlaku, including strong winds, worsening storm surge, island-wide power outage, blocked roads, destroyed infrastructure, damaged government buildings, damaged schools, and significant disruption to communications and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Weno Island continues to experience strong winds and storm surge, with an island-wide outage, three shelters opened accommodating over 100 people, the hospital operating on backup systems, and most roads closed; and

WHEREAS, communications by radio and telephone to lagoon islands and outer islands are down, thereby severely impairing coordination, public safety communications, and emergency response operations; and

WHEREAS, schools and work have been called off, residential houses have been damaged, roofs blown off, trees fallen across roads, seawater intrusion has disconnected portions of the main road, and public infrastructure, power and cellphone lines have sustained serious damage; and

WHEREAS, government buildings, including the Governor's Office, Administration Building, Hospital, and Department of Public Safety inmate building, have reportedly been damaged and flooded, and schools including Mwan, Neauo, and Wichap have also sustained damage; and

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WHEREAS, displaced persons are sheltering in public buildings, schools, churches, and other community facilities throughout Weno and other affected islands, and the reported immediate needs include water, food, fuel, radios, generators, tools, responder supplies, and logistical support; and

WHEREAS, the affected areas include the Mortlock Islands, Chuuk Lagoon Islands, and Northwest Islands, demonstrating that the emergency is widespread and affects multiple communities and jurisdictions across Chuuk State; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an extreme emergency and immediate threat to the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the people of Chuuk State, requiring urgent and coordinated government action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor under Article IV Section 12 of the Chuuk State Constitution, and in order to preserve public peace, health welfare, and safety, I hereby declare that a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** exists throughout Chuuk State, including all affected lagoon islands, outer islands, and surrounding waters, as a result of Tropical Storm Sinlaku.

FURTHER, I hereby decree as follows:

1. Emergency Activation and Coordination

All departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities, and political subdivisions of the Chuuk State Government shall immediately coordinate with the Chuuk Disaster and Emergency Operation Center and all relevant emergency task force members for response, rescue, relief, restoration, and recovery operations.

2. Protection of Life, Health, and Property

All necessary emergency actions shall be taken to protect human life, public health, public safety, homes, public buildings, schools, utilities, roads, ports, communication systems, and other critical infrastructure.

3. Search, Rescue, and Response Operations

Relevant authorities are directed to undertake all necessary search and rescue, evacuation, transport, shelter, medical, and humanitarian operations, including response to missing persons, marine incidents, injuries, and fatalities arising from the storm.

4. Shelters and Displaced Persons

All existing shelters shall remain open as necessary, and additional public buildings, schools, churches, and community facilities may be used as temporary shelters to accommodate displaced persons and affected families.

5. Marine and Road Safety Restrictions

Due to dangerous sea conditions, storm surge, debris, and blocked roads, all non-essential travel by small craft and all non-essential movement in unsafe areas shall be restricted, suspended, or controlled by competent authorities until conditions improve.

6. Closure of Schools and Limited Government Operations

Schools shall remain closed until safety assessments confirm that reopening is appropriate. Government offices may remain closed, partially closed, or operate on an emergency basis as necessary to protect personnel and the public and to maintain essential services.

7. Emergency Procurement and Use of Funds

To the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this Declaration, applicable procurement procedures, operational deadlines, and administrative requirements are hereby suspended or modified as permitted by law to enable immediate emergency purchases, contracting, transport, debris removal, utility restoration, food and water distribution, shelter support, communications restoration, and all related response measures.

8. Authorization of Emergency Expenditures

That Financial Management Act, as amended, and its applicable rules and regulations, other applicable laws, and affected statutes and rules are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Declaration to the extent necessary including deadline for submission of financial documents which shall be duly extended, and expenditures that may relate to the services of the Department of Health Services as a result of this emergency; Authorizing the decreeing of such sums, from appropriated funds and other proper sources as may be identified hereafter, as shall be necessary to be used for the implementation of the purposes of this Declaration.

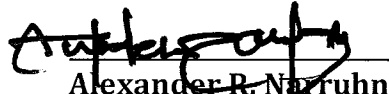
Emergency expenditures in an amount up to \$200,000.00 are hereby authorized, subject to identification of proper funding sources and accounting consistent with emergency operations, for immediate response, relief, logistical support, equipment, fuel, food, water, communications, transport, and restoration efforts as required by this emergency.

9. Requests for Assistance

Chuuk State may request and receive technical, logistical, humanitarian, and financial assistance from the FSM National Government, municipal governments, partner jurisdictions, utility providers, and international partners, including emergency personnel and specialized support for restoration of power, communications, transportation, and essential services

This Declaration shall remain in effect for fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance, unless sooner terminated or extended as provided by law.

SO ORDERED AND DECREED this 12th day of April, 2026.


Alexander R. Naruhn
Governor
State of Chuuk