



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

December 4, 2020

The Honorable Redley Killion
President
4th FSM ConCon
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

Dear President Killion:

I write to transmit to you and our Honorable delegates, the enclosed Executive Order delaying our Public Education and awareness initiative on proposed amendments to the FSM Constitution.

This effectively amends my Executive Order of November 17, 2020, which organized the Public Education Task Force, and directed commencement of its activities in order to place 2 proposed amendments on the ballot during the March, 2021 National Election.

Discussions with yourself and our good Speaker of our Congress resulted in an understanding that due to challenging limitations during this pandemic period, and the legal effects of the most recent amendment to the constitutional convention law, it is in the best interest of our Nation that any Public Education initiative be delayed until such time that the convention has the opportunity to complete all of its deliberations, and approves any and all proposed constitutional amendments. Following the convention's adjournment, we can then proceed with our education initiatives and subsequent calling of a referendum on these proposed amendments.

I thank you and our Honorable delegates for your continued work, diligence, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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David W. Panuelo
President

XC: All FSM State Governors
FSM National Election Office



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Palikir, Pohnpei
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EXECUTIVE ORDER
(To delay the conduct of public education on
the proposed constitutional amendments to the FSM Constitution)

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2020, an executive order was issued to organize a public education on proposed amendments to the FSM Constitution;

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the narrowing window of opportunity leading up to the March 2nd national election, coupled with practical considerations, such as, the difficulty in organizing the membership of the Task Force during this Covid-19 pandemic and the travel limitations during this emergency situation, delaying the public education effort becomes necessary; and

WHEREAS, upon consultation with the President of the 4th FSM Constitutional Convention and the Speaker of the 21st FSM Congress, a consensus emerged to delay the public education on the constitutional amendments until the Constitutional Convention completes its deliberations. During that time, the 4th Constitutional Convention shall have sufficient opportunity to deliberate and conclude all the constitutional amendments under consideration, and shall have the ability to submit all such amendments to the FSM President and to the Speaker of the FSM Congress in anticipation of placing such amendments on a vote in a special referendum.

NOW THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Federated States of Micronesia, I order that the public education be delayed until further notice

The November 17, 2020, executive order is considered amended hereby.

SO ORDERED.

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David W. Panuelo
President

Date: 12/23/20