



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL ORDER

Further Amending the Executive Order No. 1 (2008) by amending Section 3 thereof, in order to establish the Office of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance under the Division of Budget & Economic Management in the Department of Finance & Administration

WHEREAS, the US Government, through the Department of Labor has provided a substantial grant to assist the people of the FSM who have become unemployed as a result of the COVID-19, namely the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program, and in order to meet the requirements of the US Federal and State of Hawaii laws to process and make payments under the program in an efficient and timely manner, a separate Office to manage the Program is needed in the Department of Finance & Administration (DOFA);

NOW THEREFORE, by the powers vested upon me by the Constitution and the Laws of the Federated States of Micronesia I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, do hereby order, as follows:

A. Section III of Executive Order No. 1 (2008) is hereby amended as follows:

1. There shall be a unit under the Division of Budget & Economic Management of the DOFA. This unit shall be referred to as the Office of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.
2. The Office shall distribute in a lawful, efficient, and timely manner PUA unemployment payment to the people of the FSM. Moreover, it shall make appropriate recommendations as to suitable policies and procedures as to:
 - Accepting claims for PUA assistance;
 - Making determinations of the eligibility of individuals in line with grant terms and conditions;
 - Abiding by the Financial Management Regulations with regards to dealing with public funds;
 - Providing accurate and accountable disbursements of all funds; and
 - Providing timely reporting on the PUA Program to FSM Leadership and the US Department of Labor.
3. The Secretary of Finance shall implement the PUA/FPUC assistance according to the terms and conditions that the United States Government attaches to the assistance, including adopting Hawaii Employment Security Law as the applicable state law under 20 CFR § 625.2(r)(1)(ii), or any other regulation or legal interpretation thereof.



4. The Secretary of DOFA shall provide updates and recommendations to the President on the implementation of this order.

B. The President may issue additional order to clarify any part of this presidential order.

SO ORDERED.

Date:

June 17th

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David W. Panuelo", written over a horizontal line.

David W. Panuelo
President