



THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF YAP

EXECUTIVE DECREE NO. 2020-002

BAN ON PASSENGER DISEMBARKATION DECREE 2020

FURTHER TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY PLACING THE ENTIRE STATE OF YAP UNDER A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, A BAN ON PASSENGER DISEMBARKATION AT THE STATE OF YAP IS HEREBY DECREED.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, designating its official name as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on February 11, 2020 and characterized it as a pandemic on March 12, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the FSM Government on behalf of Yap State has banned all passengers from coming on United Airline flights for a period of 30 days to prevent possible introduction of the COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Republic of Palau banned passengers from coming on United Airline flights from both Guam and the Philippines and CIA from Yap; and,

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Palau reported a Person Under Investigation (PUI) case that maybe at a higher risks due to the Person Under Investigation recent travel from Guam, a COVID-19 affected area, to Palau on March 16; and,

WHEREAS, as of April 1, 2020, at least 856,917 confirmed cases and 42,107 deaths have been reported of COVID-19 globally; 187,347 cases within United States Mainland; 224 confirmed cases and 1 deaths in the state of Hawaii; 69 confirmed cases and 3 deaths in the Territory of Guam; 6 confirmed cases and 1 death in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and,

WHEREAS, as of even date as above, the FSM States and including the Republics of the Marshall Islands and Palau have no COVID -19 confirmed cases but have had Person Under Investigation cases that were later tested COVID -19 negative; and,

WHEREAS, whilst Palau is still a COVID-19 free country, there is a strong possibility that Palau is a high COVID-19 risk area relative to other COVID-19 free states; and,

WHEREAS, all the FSM states have shut-down their borders allowing only cargo aircrafts and vessels into their respective ports; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HENRY FALAN, in exercise of the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Yap and by virtue of the Emergency Declaration, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet, pursuant to the powers vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Yap, I hereby make the following DECREE -

A DECREE TO BAN PASSENGER DISEMBARKATION AT THE STATE OF YAP

- (1) This Decree may be cited as the Ban on Passenger Disembarkation Decree 2020.
- (2) Effective immediately and until superseded by other Decree or law or upon its becoming no longer relevant, no air or sea craft, irrespective of their origin, shall permit any passenger to disembark at the State of Yap. A breach of this Decree is prosecutable by law and the perpetrator may be liable for a fine or imprisonment or both if convicted.
- (3) Notwithstanding the above provision, no passenger on any air or sea craft, irrespective of their origin and upon arrival at any port in the State of Yap, shall be allowed to disembark from the craft. A breach of this Decree is prosecutable by law and the perpetrator may be liable for a fine or imprisonment or both if convicted.
- (4) For the purpose of this Decree, any existing Code, Decree, law, rule, regulation, or other related legal instrument or instruction currently enforced or to be enforced in the State which directly contravenes provisions of this Decree, may for all intent and purpose, and for clarity, as far as those provisions are concerned, in respect of passenger disembarkation at the State of Yap, become null and void and this Decree shall supersede every other Code, Decree, law, rule, regulation, or other legal instructions, instruments or documents.
- (5) This Decree shall take immediate effect upon execution.

So Decreed under my hand this *2nd* day of April, 2020.


HENRY FALAN
Governor of the State of Yap