



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION
HALF MAST DISPLAY OF THE FLAG OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA IN HONOR OF THE LATE HONORABLE
SECRETARY LIVINGSTON TAULUNG**

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that I announce officially the passing of the Honorable Livingston Taulung, Secretary of the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs;

WHEREAS, the late Secretary Taulung served as Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs starting in 2019 up to the date of his untimely passing;

WHEREAS, the late Secretary Taulung was the Chairman of the National Task Force for COVID-19 and had led the Task Force competently in implementing across the Nation emergency plans and protocols that were useful in keeping our Nation prepared and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the late Secretary Taulung served as the Director of Health for Kosrae State from 2015 up to 2018, and in that capacity contributed to the health related initiatives and programs for Kosrae. He also served as Vice-Chairman of the FSM Behavioral Health and Wellness Council in 2005 and as Associate Member of the Pacific Island Health Officers Association from 2011 up to 2014;

WHEREAS, the late Secretary Taulung obtained a diploma in Community Health, Surgery & Medicine in 1987 under the Pacific Medical Officers Training Program under the University of Hawaii School of Medicine; and had served as staff physician for Kosrae State Hospital from 2007 up to 2011; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation bears the heartfelt condolences and sympathies of the people of the entire nation to the family, relatives, friends and colleagues of the late Secretary Taulung whose accomplishments and dedication in service to this Nation shall forever be remembered and honored.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, do hereby proclaim a national mourning period in honor of the late Secretary Livingston Taulung commencing today. The National Flag of the Federated States of Micronesia shall be displayed at half-mast for four consecutive days. The date and details for funeral arrangements will be announced once available.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand on this 15th day of February 2021.

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

David W. Panuelo
President