



THE GOVERNOR
State of Yap

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: 2023-02

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YAP STATE LAW NO. 11-27 TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Yap State Law No. 11-27 was signed into law on the 13th day of October, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Yap State Law No. 11-27 provides that “The Governor of the State of Yap is authorized to submit to the voters of the State of Yap the question: ‘Shall the State of Yap commence a review of its political status?’” in an election; and,

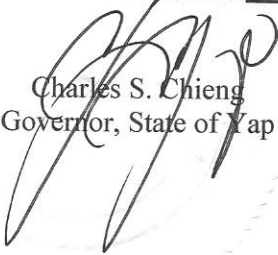
WHEREAS, Governor is further authorized by law, supra, to do any and all that is necessary and appropriate to affect the purpose and intent of YSL No. 11-27 subject to appropriation by law, if expenditures are required for this purpose and implementations; and,

WHEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the Governor of the State of Yap and pursuant to Article VI, section 5 of the Yap State Constitution and Yap State Law No. 11-27, I hereby issue this Executive Order accordingly.

- I. AUTHORITY:** This Executive Order is issued pursuant to Yap State Law No.11-27 and Article VI, Section 5 of the Yap State Constitution.
- II. PURPOSES:** To implement the requirements as mandated by Section 1 of Y. S.L. No. 11-27.
- III. TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHED/DUTIES.** Subject to and under the ultimate authority, directions, and guidance of the Governor of Yap State, an Executive Task Force is hereby established and to be generally responsible to carry out the duties, mandates, activities, functions, programs and any tasks relating to and for the purposes of advising the Governor of Yap State, to disseminate public information, conduct public education, political education, programs and awareness to the voters, citizens, and Yap communities of the political status question provided pursuant to YSL No. 11-27. The Task Force may recommend to the Governor its operation budget necessary to fund all of its activities, including costs for the conduct of public education and awareness, relevant costs and expenses to conduct the state election/referendum of the question.
- IV. MEMBERS.** The members of this Task Force shall be the heads of the following Departments, Offices and commission:
 1. Department of Education
 2. Department of Health Services
 3. Department of Public Works and Transportation
 4. Department of Youth and Civic Affairs
 5. Department of Resources and Development
 6. Office of Administrative Services

7. Office of Planning and Budget
 8. Office of the Attorney General
 9. Yap State Election Commission
- V. **FIRST MEETING.** The Governor may call the first meeting of the Task Force to organize the officers and may assign or select relevant and appropriate committees or subcommittees to assist the work of the Task Force.
- VI. **PUBLIC EDUCATION.** The public and political education on question of "SHALL THE STATE OF YAP COMMENCE A REVIEW OF ITS POLITICAL STATUS" shall begin on November 1, 2023, and may continue until 90 calendar days or until midnight of January 30, 2024, whichever date is later.
- VII. **ELECTION/REFERENDUM.** By way of this Order, I hereby call for the conduct of a special election/referendum to be held on the question pursuant to State Law No. 11-27, on January 31, 2024.
- VIII. **ORGANIZATION MEETING.** The first meeting shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on the 27th of October, 2023, at the Governor's conference room.
- IX. **REPORTS.** The Task Force Chairman shall report and update the Governor regarding the status of the work of the Task Force, every Thursday during the weekly cabinet meeting.
- X. **GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.** The Task Force may request the supports and assistance from the government's departments, offices, agencies and commissions for the provisions of any government equipment, supplies and support staff dedicated to provide assistance to the Task Force. Further, and Subject to the availability of Funds, the Task Force may recruit a Secretariat and professional staff and consultants to assist the mandates under this Order and other relevant laws.

So, **ORDERED**, and **EFFECTIVE** on this 26th day of October, 2023, by,


Charles S. Chieng
Governor, State of Yap