

## THE GOVERNOR State of Yap

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-03**

## AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-02

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2023-02 calls for conduct of the election/referendum for the voters to vote on the question of "WHETHER YAP STATE SHOULD COMMENCE THE REVIEW OF ITS POLITICAL STATUS" TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2024; AND,

WHEREAS, the Executive Order 2023-02, established an executive task force to carry out the mandate of YSL No. 11-27; AND,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2023-02, mandates the Task Force to conduct the public education and public awareness of the conduct of the election/awareness to be held on January 31, 2024; AND,

WHEREAS, the Task Force, must have a reasonable and adequate time frame to conduct the public education to the voters both on Yap proper, neighboring islands and abroad including the voters that are residing in the United States mainland and territories including the state of Hawaii and other jurisdictions; AND,

WHEREAS, the Task Force has found that due to unavailability of the State vessel for its uses to conduct the public education on the neighboring islands and necessary travels abroad logistics due to unavailability of resources: AND,

WHEREAS, needed funding to support the work of the Task Force is still pending its approval process; AND,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Task Force that the election set to be held on January 31, 2024, is postpone to May 31, 2024, AND NOW,

WHEREFORE, by the power vested in the Governor by the Yap State Constitution and YSL No. 11-27, it is hereby ordered that:

- 1. Paragraph 7 of the Executive Order 2023-02 is hereby amended as follows:
  - "VII. ELECTION/REFERENDUM. By way of this Order, I hereby call for the conduct of a Special Election/Referendum to be held on May 31, 2024."
- 2. The Election Commission is authorized to establish special polling places in Pohnpei State, Guam, Honolulu, Maui, Hilo in Hawaii, CNMI, appropriate special polling places in the continental United States for register voters to be able to cast their ballots on May 31, 2024.

Issued this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2023 by,

charles S. Chieng

State of Yap