



Republic of the Marshall Islands

Executive Order

Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency for Ebeye

WHEREAS, the Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency due to the fire on 6 June 2026 that tragically burned down several businesses and homes in Ebeye, Kwajalein;

WHEREAS, resident volunteers and neighboring community members responded strategically to help control and eventually suppress the fire;

WHEREAS, teams helped to ensure there were no casualties yet two businesses and twenty-two homes were destroyed and over 100 community members are without a home;

WHEREAS, the national Government sees the need to take part in alleviating the impacts of the unfortunate fire outbreak;

NOW THEREFORE, the Cabinet at its meeting on 8 June 2026, do hereby approve this Executive Order.

BY THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER, the Cabinet has invoked its emergency powers under the Disaster Risk Management Act, 2023 and as such, I, Hilda C. Heine, have heretofore, and on behalf of the Cabinet, signed and caused the issuance of this Executive Order.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER shall remain in effect until the expiry of 90 days from the date hereof, or unless extended by the Cabinet, or otherwise terminated by a Nitijela Resolution.

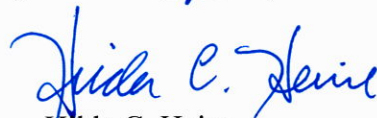
IT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED THAT:

- I. The Cabinet shall suspend, in whole or part, the provisions of any statute prescribing the procedures for the conduct of government business or the orders, rules, and regulations of any Government entity of strict compliance thereto would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action.
- II. The National Disaster Council shall conduct regular meetings and monitor progress and operations recovery with the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government (KALGOV) and the Kwajalein Atoll Disaster Committee (KADC).



- III. The Disaster Coordinator may undertake his responsibilities pursuant to Section 119(4)(b) of the Disaster Risk Management Act 2023.
- IV. Other authorizations for the specific Roles and Responsibilities of relevant Government Ministries, Agencies, and Offices shall be reinstated:
- A. **Ministry of Finance, Banking and Postal Services**
 - i. Coordinate with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on any external funding sources secured or identified; and
 - ii. Establish a Memorandum of Understanding with KALGOV on response funds. KALGOV.
 - B. **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
 - i. Coordinate with the National Disaster Council and the Ministry of Finance, Banking, and Postal Services as appropriate.
 - C. **Ministry of Public Works, Infrastructure and Utilities**
 - i. In coordination with the KALGOV and KADC, conduct an individual assessment of the damages sustained from the fire and develop a cost estimate for loss and damages for the homes.
 - D. **Office of the Chief Secretary**
 - i. Direct the National Disaster Council for coordinated response activities with KALGOV and KADC;
 - ii. Provide updates and sound recommendations to the Cabinet for further determination and direction;
 - iii. Assist the Ministry of Finance, Banking, and Postal Services and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in identifying potential funds and resources; and
 - iv. File this Executive Order and ensure its dissemination to the general public.

Given under my hand this 9th day of June 2026


Hilda C. Heine
President