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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 404

Closing the West Passage to all traffic from dawn on September 2 to dusk on September 3, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau has undertaken to enhance the strength of its international telecommunications connectivity via fiber-optic submarine telecommunication cable; and

WHEREAS, this fiber-optic submarine telecommunication cable will be laid through Palau's West Passage Channel and landed in Ngaremlengui State; and

WHEREAS, the fiber-optic submarine telecommunications cable will be laid using specialized vessel considered to be difficult to maneuver under the *Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972*; and


WHEREAS, this operation will require the coordinated efforts of several support vessels, as well as individual technicians both above and underwater, throughout a large project area that will include the entire Western Passage; and

WHEREAS, the installation of this fiber-optic submarine telecommunication cable will occur between September 2 and September 3; and

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby orders as follows:

The West Passage (ToachelMlengui) shall be closed for all international vessels from dawn on September 2 to dusk on September 3, 2017, and the portion of West Passage (ToachelMlengui) between the entrance of the West Passage (ToachelMlengui) to Day beacon no. 15 shall be closed for all other maritime traffic from dawn on September 2 to dusk on September 3, 2017, to allow the cable ship to lay the fiber optic submarine cable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 29th day of August, 2017:


Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau