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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 413

Rescinding Executive Order No. 209 and its Addendum, and reconstituting the Publication and Law Access Unit under the management of the Palau National Code Commission.

WHEREAS, ready access to law is a fundamental principle of democratic government;
and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Republic's commitment to an open and transparent government, the Publication and Law Access Unit (PALAU Office) has been established as the legal publication office that provides digital and hard copy publications of our national and state laws, executive orders, court decisions, and other relevant public documents; and

WHEREAS, the current supervisory authority for the PALAU Office is not well defined by executive order or the laws of the Republic, but considerable management rests with the Palau National Code Commission, which is charged by law with the publication and maintenance of the Palau National Code; and

WHEREAS, to clarify and consolidate supervisory authority for the PALAU Office, it is necessary to rescind Executive Order No. 209 and its Addendum and reconstitute the PALAU Office under the Palau National Code Commission for the publication and supplementation of the Palau National Code;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., do hereby order as follows:

Executive Order No. 209 and its Addendum are hereby rescinded and the PALAU Office is reconstituted as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of the Publication and Law Access Unit (PALAU Office). There is hereby established the Publication and Law Access Unit (PALAU Office) which shall be managed by the Palau National Code Commission. The PALAU Office shall have the authority to publish in hard copy and computer-accessible form public documents including national and state statutes and ordinances, executive orders, reported court cases, regulations, treaties, and other similar documents of the former Trust Territory and the Republic of Palau. This authority shall not preclude the Supreme Court from publishing its own reporter and court rules.

Section 2. Management of the PALAU Office. The Code Commission shall have full management authority of the PALAU office, including the authority to set publication policies



for the office, manage the finances of the office, and the authority to establish positions, hire, evaluate, discipline, promote, and otherwise manage all personnel. The PALAU Office shall be an entity of the Ministry of Justice for organizational purposes only.

Section 3. Submission of legal documents for publication; public notice. The submission of documents for publication to the PALAU Office shall constitute public notice for purposes of enforcement as of the date posted by the PALAU Office. The PALAU Office shall post for public inspection at its office all such government documents submitted as soon as possible after submission. Posting shall be maintained until such documents are published or otherwise made available for public purchase. Posting digital versions on a local website shall also constitute posting for purposes of this section.

Section 4. Publication of the Palau National Code. The senior employee of the PALAU Office shall submit proposed codification of laws to the Palau National Code Commission which shall have final editorial authority in accordance with RPPL 2-3. The PALAU Office shall act as a printer and publisher of the Palau National Code.

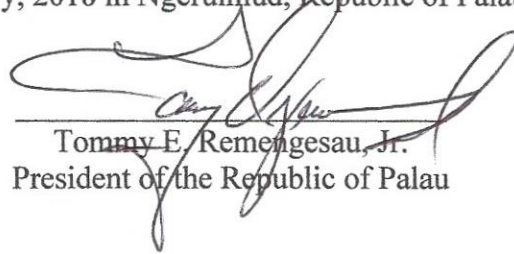
Section 5. Computer-assisted legal research program. The PALAU Office shall ensure the publication and supplementation of pertinent documents such as public laws, executive orders, reported court cases, regulations, state laws, national and state constitutions, treaties, and other similar documents in a computer-assisted legal research program. The PALAU Office shall make such program available for purchase and any funds generated as a result of computer-assisted legal research program sales shall be deposited in the revolving fund established in Section 113 of Title 1 of the Palau National Code.

Section 6. Right to request and receive public documents. The PALAU Office is authorized to request and receive a copy of all public laws, executive orders, reported court cases, regulations, state laws, national and state constitutions, treaties, and other similar documents from relevant agencies or offices at no cost. Documents shall be provided in electronic or other requested form as soon as practicable after enactment.

Section 7. Intellectual property ownership; right to charge for sale or use. The PALAU Office shall be the owner of all intellectual property rights recognized by law for the legal documents submitted to its office for publication. The PALAU Office shall have the authority to charge reasonable fees for the sale of its publications and reasonable fees for licensing the use of its publications whether in hard copy or computer-accessible form.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal
this the 14th day of February, 2018 in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau:



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