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PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 19-259

Conveying utmost gratitude to Governor Ralph DLG Torres, and the people and the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for designating a portion of its public domain in Saipan for the purpose of constructing a Palauan Community Hall or "Bai."

WHEREAS, Palau and Saipan (CNMI) were among the six original members of the former Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), which was initially administered by the United States of America under the UN Trusteeship Agreement; and

WHEREAS, during the period of the Trust Territory Government, Saipan served as the capital of the TTPI, attracting many Palauans who migrated to Saipan for Government jobs and established residencies and families, with some becoming permanent residents of the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, the Palauan community has grown over the years, during which time it has contributed significantly to the overall economic development of the CNMI; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, discussions began between the Republic of Palau and the government of the CNMI for the possibility of securing a piece of land to build a Palauan Community Hall or Bai to serve different needs of the Palauans living in CNMI; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2018 the Department of Public Lands finally executed an agreement assigning approximately 7,000 square meters of public land to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, to be designated for the construction of a Community Hall or Bai that will be utilized for community functions as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the people and the Government of Palau welcome this opportunity to realize the use of the property and thus support the Palauan Community in CNMI through the construction of the Community Hall or Bai, whether through congressional appropriation or fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, upon its completion the Bai is anticipated to house the Palau Consulate Office, serve as typhoon shelter, and serve as the principal gathering center for Palauans living in the CNMI; and



WHEREAS, the establishment of the Bai will continue to foster the already strong friendship and cooperation between the people of Palau and CNMI; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I, hereby proclaim that this generous gesture of cooperation and friendship deserves serious acknowledgment, and hereby extend the utmost gratitude of the people and Government of Republic of Palau to Governor Ralph DLG Torres and the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the designation of CNMI public domain land for the construction of a Community Hall or Bai to serve our two communities.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 4th day of April 2019 at the National Capitol in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy E. Remengsau, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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