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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 424**

*To improve border security and immigration enforcement and to exclude certain foreign nationals from entering the Republic of Palau*

**WHEREAS**, it is a constitutional duty of the President to ensure the safety and the integrity of the territorial borders of Palau and to safeguard the reputation of the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, the President has determined that it would be in the best security interest of the Republic to prevent certain foreign nationals with criminal backgrounds from entering the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, the President is advised that certain foreign nationals and groups with certain criminal history posing themselves as investors are hurting the integrity of Palau's foreign investment and business environment as well as the international reputation of the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, the President recognized that Palau as a member of the United Nations has acceded to a number of international treaties and conventions to combat international crime such as money laundering, drug trafficking, human trafficking, terrorism, and corruption; and

**WHEREAS**, the President further recognized that the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1718 imposes a series of economic and commercial sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the DPRK, or North Korea) for its nuclear weapons program; and

**WHEREAS**, the President has determined that there is a high risk for abuse of the Republic's lax visa and entry standards that could be detrimental to our border security and threatens the National security of the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, as Chief Executive of the National Government, it the duty and obligation of the President to take affirmative action to promote and protect the security interests of the Republic;



**NOW THEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons and by virtue of the authority vested in the President by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, and by Title 13 of the Palau National Code, I hereby order as follows:

*Purpose.* The border security and immigration enforcement is critically important to the national security of the Republic of Palau. While it is the desire of the Government to welcome all visitors enthusiastically, we must also be watchful of those visitors or aliens with ill-intentions that will threaten our national security. The growing incidence of drug smuggling, human trafficking, money laundering, and fraudulent investments and business practices has alerted the Government to increase efforts to be more vigilant in its border vetting process. Border security officers and immigration officers are therefore urged to act with due diligence and professionalism to carryout proper inspections to determine admissibility of visitors entering into the Republic, mindful of the need to maintain a hospitable environment for the many welcome guests who arrive in our islands.

*Policy.* It is the policy of this Government to strengthen our border security and immigration enforcement to ensure the integrity of our national security program. To do so this Government shall:

1. Secure all ports of entry into the Republic with adequate personnel and support as needed to prevent illegal immigration, drug smuggling, human trafficking, acts of terrorism, money laundering, and any act of fraudulent business practice; and
2. Prevent foreign nationals from entering the Republic with an intention to commit any form of transnational crime including but not limited to terrorism, money laundering, drug trafficking, human trafficking, bribery, false identity, and fraudulent business practices; and
3. Detain and deport foreign nationals with proven criminal history or criminal affiliation that are considered to be undesirable persons to enter the Republic; and
4. Detain individuals apprehended on suspicion of violating national and state laws or the laws of other countries; and
5. Refuse to allow entry or deny issuance of any visa of any nature at any port of entry in Palau to any person holding a passport issued by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea) in accordance with UNSC Resolution 1718; and
6. Refuse to allow entry or deny issuance of any visa or permit of any nature to a person who has been declared as undesirable alien by the President of the Republic; and



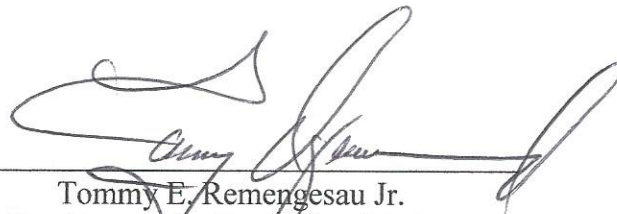
7. Expedite determination of the legal status of any apprehended individual claiming eligibility to enter in or remain in the Republic.

All relevant agencies shall collaborate with the Office of the President to ensure proper implementation of this Order.

*Government Transparency and Reporting.* The Minister of Justice shall from time to time report to the President and the general public all information and statistical data on aliens apprehended at the border of the Republic for any offense or criminal act. The Attorney General shall submit to the President a report on the progress of the prosecution of any case pertaining to this order.

*Publication and Effective Date.* The Ministry of Justice shall promptly disseminate a copy of this order to all relevant agencies including commercial carriers that regularly transport persons to and from the Republic. Each carrier, commercial or otherwise, shall be responsible to assure that all their passengers entering the Republic are aware of the conditions of this Executive Order, especially those pertaining to DPRK passport holders. This Order is effective as of the date reflected below.

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30 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed by official seal this day of April 2019.



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President of the Republic of Palau