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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 438

Ordering a Nationwide Election to be held on May 1, 2020

WHEREAS, Pursuant to its authority under the Constitution of the Republic of Palau the Olbiil Era Kelulau, by a majority of 3/4th of the members of each house, has passed Senate Joint Resolution 10-61; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 10-61 proposes an Amendment to the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, "to be decided by the voters in a nationwide election held at least six (6) months before or six (6) months after the November 2020 General Election;" and

WHEREAS, this proposed Amendment will improve the legal descriptions of the Republic's sovereign territory, and is therefore in the strong best interest of the Republic and of all Palauans; and

WHEREAS, the Palau Election Commission must begin preparations immediately, in order to hold this nationwide election before the deadline proposed by SJR 10-61; and

WHEREAS, the best efforts of all interested and knowledgeable persons, including particularly our leaders and former members of the Second Constitutional Convention, will be necessary to fully educate our electorate in the time allotted; and

WHEREAS, proper voter education will require the establishment of a Political Education Committee;

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

Nationwide Election. A nationwide election shall be held, in all sixteen (16) states of the Republic, on May 1, 2020. The Palau Election Commission is ordered to begin all necessary preparation immediately.

Political Education Committee. A Political Education Committee is hereby established to educate the public regarding the meaning and significance of the Amendment proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 10-61, as follows:



Membership. The Political Education Committee shall consist of the following members:

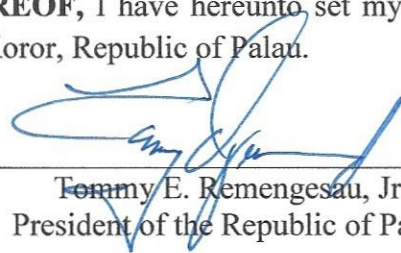
- a) Mr. Sinton Soalablai, Minister of Education, who shall serve as Chairman;
- b) Mr. Patrick Tellei, President of Palau Community College;
- c) Mr. Rebluud Kesolei, Chairman of the Territory and Boundary Taskforce;
- d) Mr. Temmy Shmull, Chairman of the Governor's Association;
- e) Senator Frank Kyota; Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;
- f) Senator Philip Reklai, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Maritime and Climate Change; and
- g) Delegate Sebastian Marino, Chairman of the House Committee on Maritime, Climate Change, and Protected Areas;

The Committee is encouraged to invite additional members, with an emphasis on the members of the Second Constitutional Convention or those with special expertise in the subject matter of the proposed Amendment.

Responsibilities. The Political Education Committee shall be responsible for organizing and conducting outreach to the people of the Republic on the subject of this proposed Amendment. The Committee is encouraged to establish signage, distribute literature, hold public meetings, and appear in local media as necessary to educate the voters.

Cooperation of the Executive Branch. The Committee shall receive the full cooperation of all Executive Branch Agencies. The Committee is encouraged to call upon the office of Palau Automated Land and Resource Information Center, the Office of the President, or any other relevant government agency for its expertise, or for any administrative or other assistance it may reasonably provide. The Committee is invited, but not required, to utilize the facilities of the Office of the President for its meetings and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 8th day of April, 2020 in Koror, Republic of Palau.



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