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Presidential Directive No. 16-17

In response to the continued extreme drought conditions, directing the Executive Branch to continue responding to the emergency situation and operating as if there were a continued constitutional state of emergency confirmed by the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 389 dated March 22, 2016, a constitutional state of emergency pursuant to Article VIII, Section 14 of the Constitution was declared by the President of the Republic and then confirmed by the Olbiil Era Kelulau pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 9-122-26S dated March 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration and confirmation of the constitutional state of emergency, the national government and its agencies and state owned enterprises have been responding to the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the temporary legislative powers provided pursuant to Article VIII, Section 14 of the Constitution; Executive Order No. 389; and House Joint Resolution No. 9-122-26S, the President of the Republic signed into law RPPL 9-59 on March 25, 2016, which authorized and appropriated funds to respond to the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the request of the President of the Republic to the Olbiil Era Kelulau and in accordance with Article VIII, Section 14 of the Constitution, the constitutional state of emergency was extended by the Olbiil Era Kelulau for an additional ten (10) calendar days beginning on April 2, 2016 pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 9-123-26S,SD1 dated April 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, based on the advice of the National Emergency Committee provided to the President of the Republic pursuant to a letter dated April 10, 2016, there is still a need for a continuing state of emergency to support ongoing efforts to address the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions, and to maintain the sense of urgency and ensure continuity of the ongoing emergency response including in the securing of international aid; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the request of the President of the Republic to the Olbiil Era Kelulau asking for an extension of the constitutional state of emergency, the Olbiil Era Kelulau did not confirm an extension of the constitutional state of emergency in accordance with Article VIII, Section



14 of the Constitution and therefore the constitutional state of emergency expired on April 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions still persist notwithstanding the fact that the Olbiil Era Kelulau did not confirm the extension of the constitutional state of emergency that expired on April 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, due to the extreme drought conditions there still exists imminent threats to health (including heightened risk of epidemics), the effective administration of education, and the safety of lives, land and property due to, amongst other things, the risk of fire created by dry conditions and lack of sufficient water to contain fires; and

WHEREAS, relief efforts are still needed for the benefit of the public good to address the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions and therefore all assets and personnel within the Executive Branch are needed to continue to be mobilized; and

WHEREAS, the National Disaster Risk Management Framework 2010 was signed into law pursuant to Executive Order No. 287 dated October 19, 2010, which was created to strengthen the national disaster risk management structures and mechanisms to support improved disaster/emergency preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in response to the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions, the national government and its agencies and state owned enterprises continue to request, arrange, and receive international aid that is needed to augment the resource needs for relief efforts.

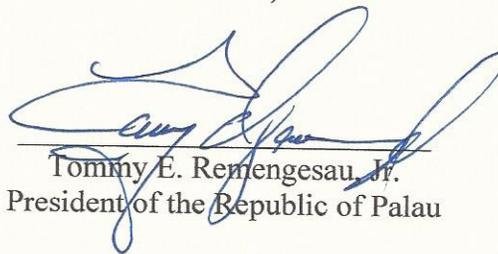
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution, laws, and rules and regulations of the Republic, I HEREBY DIRECT as follows:

1. In order to effectively respond to the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions, all assets and personnel within the Executive Branch are to be mobilized to continue to respond to the emergency situation and operate as if they were mobilized pursuant to a continuing constitutional state of emergency confirmed by the Olbiil Era Kelulau until otherwise directed.
2. The National Disaster Risk Management Framework 2010 shall continue to be followed in order to effectively and efficiently respond to the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions.



3. The national government and its agencies shall continue to request, arrange, and receive international aid to effectively respond to the emergency situation created by the extreme drought conditions.
4. The public is asked to support the relief efforts by taking measures to conserve water, cooperating to ensure smooth and effective water delivery, taking precautions to prevent fires due to dry conditions, and observing water extraction regulations.

SO DIRECTED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2016



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