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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 399

Closing the West Passage to all traffic from dusk on June 1 to dawn on June 7, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is enhancing the strength of its international telecommunications connectivity via fiber-optic submarine telecommunication cable; and

WHEREAS, this fiber-optic submarine telecommunication cable will traverse Palau's West Passage Channel and land in Ngaremlengui State; and

WHEREAS, the fiber-optic submarine telecommunications cable will be laid using a specialized vessel, which is considered to be difficult to maneuver under the *Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972*; and


WHEREAS, this operation will require coordination between several support vessels and individual technicians, both above and underwater; and

WHEREAS, the installation of this fiber-optic submarine telecommunication cable will occur between June 2 and June 7; and

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

The West Passage (Toachelmlengui) shall be closed for all international vessels from dusk on June 1 to dawn on June 7, 2017, and the portion of West Passage (Toachelmlengui) between the entrance of the West Passage (Toachelmlengui) to Day beacon no. 15 shall be closed for all other maritime traffic from dusk on June 1 to dawn on June 7, 2017, to allow the installation ship to lay the fiber optic submarine cable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 19th day of May, 2017:


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