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Clarifying that all law enforcement organizations within the Ministry of Justice are subject to the regulations of the Bureau of Public Safety, unless they have developed their own regulations.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau, the President is responsible for enforcing the laws of the land; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 109 and 110 of Title 2 of the Palau National Code the President, in his role as Chief Executive, is required to organize the executive branch ministries and prescribe the duties, functions, and responsibilities of each subdivision by executive order; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2015 President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. issued Executive Order No. 381, organizing the Ministry of Justice in Part IV, with this organization updated periodically including through Executive Order 394, signed March 1st, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement responsibilities of the National Government are now apportioned among the Bureau of Public Safety, the Bureau of Maritime Security and Fish and Wildlife Protection, and the Narcotics Enforcement Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Public Safety has developed a full set of rules and regulations to guide the execution of its law enforcement function; and

WHEREAS, other law enforcement bodies, being smaller or more recently established, have had fewer opportunities to develop their own rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this National Government to "preserve the best," and avoid wasting public resources by duplicating work;



NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., do hereby direct the Ministry of Justice as follows:

The Directors of all law enforcement bodies within the Ministry of Justice, including the Bureau of Public Safety (BPS), the Bureau of Maritime Security and Fish and Wildlife Protection (BMSFW), and the Narcotics Enforcement Agency (NEA), are expected to develop internal policies and procedures governing the execution of their respective law-enforcement missions. These policies and procedures shall include personnel management rules.

The rules and regulations developed by the Bureau of Public Safety shall always apply to the internal workings of the BPS. If any other law enforcement body in the Ministry of Justice lacks an internal rule or regulation on any specific topic, that law enforcement body shall follow the appropriate rule or regulation of the Bureau of Public Safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 6th day of June, 2017:

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

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