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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 412

To establish an Anti-Human Trafficking Office within the Ministry of Justice.

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau stands with many national partners around the world in condemning human trafficking, and has committed itself to eradicating this crime from Palau and the Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, despite significant efforts to combat human trafficking, including reconvening the National Human Rights Working Group and prosecuting corrupt officials, the Republic of Palau still finds itself in the "Tier 2" category according to United States Department of State ("DOS"); and

WHEREAS, Palau has identified its DOS ranking as an opportunity for improvement, and to incorporate the specific DOS recommendations into its ongoing efforts against human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, working off the DOS recommendations, Executive Order No. 405 created a Special Presidential Task Force ("Task Force") for the purpose of establishing an anti-human trafficking action plan ("Action Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has prepared a draft of the Action Plan, and an appropriate authority must now be established to begin the work of implementing the Action Plan to reduce human trafficking in Palau and move our national ranking from "Tier 2" to "Tier 1";

NOW THEREFORE, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that an Anti-Human Trafficking Office, to be overseen by the Ministry of Justice, be established in order to implement the anti-human trafficking action plan, and to coordinate national efforts against human trafficking, as follows:

Creation of an Anti-Human Trafficking Office. There is created within the Ministry of Justice an Anti-Human Trafficking Office.

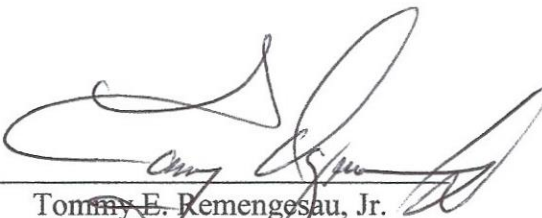
Duties. The Anti-Human Trafficking Office shall be responsible for the coordination of all national efforts to combat human trafficking in the Republic of Palau, and for implementation of the Action Plan produced by the Special Presidential Task Force on Human Trafficking (*see* EO No. 405).

Staffing and Administrative Support. Staffing and administrative support for the Anti-Human Trafficking Office shall be provided by the Ministry of Justice and supported by appropriations from the Olbiil Era Kelulau.



Effective Date and Duration. The Office is created effective immediately and shall continue until this order is rescinded, or until removed or relocated in a reorganization of the Executive Branch.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this the 14th day of February, 2018 in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.



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