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**Executive Order No. 415**

*To amend Executive Order No. 271 to clarify the organization of the Bureau of Lands and Surveys.*

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 271, organizing the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce, was signed on September 16, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of Executive Order No. 271 provides the organization of the Bureau of Lands and Surveys; and

**WHEREAS**, RPPL 10-5 amended Section 1305 of Title 35 of the Palau National Code to remove the operational deadlines for the Land Court and the Bureau of Lands and Surveys; and

**WHEREAS**, RPPL 10-5 also requires the Bureau to complete the transition of land registration officers and employees into the civil service system by April 1, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to successfully complete said transition, Executive Order No. 271 must be amended;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby amend Section 3 of Executive Order No. 271 by adding two new subsections as follows, and thereby incorporate the officers and employees of the new subsections into the civil service system:

(C) Land Claims Registration Section. The Land Claims Registration Section shall be headed by a Land Claims Registration Supervisor (LCR Supervisor). The Land Claims Registration Section shall perform the following duties and functions:


- (1) Record and register land claims applications, designate registration areas, conduct monumentations, and ensure surveys of claims by land surveyors, as mandated by the Land Registration/ Cadastral Program;
- (2) Compile a Well Founded Land Claim File to be sent to the Land Court for hearings and issuances of ownership;
- (3) Compile a comprehensive inventory of all land claim records of previous administrations adopted by law; and
- (4) Develop an electronic organizational system, in which a comprehensive inventory of all land claims of previous administrations adopted by law shall be entered, updated, and maintained, and which may be accessed by the Bureau of Lands and Surveys, all its divisions, the Supreme Court, the Land Court, the PPLA, and the general public for title information, claims verifications, and other relevant services.



(D) Administration Section. The Administration Section (ADS) shall be headed by an Administrative Officer II. The ADS shall be the center of all Bureau of Lands and Surveys administrative, logistic, and related functions. Under the direction of the Bureau Director, the Administrative Section shall perform the following duties and functions:

- (1) Provide administrative, logistic, and related functions to all divisions and sections of the Bureau of Lands and Surveys.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I set my hand and affix my official seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 at the National Capitol in Ngerulmud, Republic of Palau.

  
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President of the Republic of Palau