

Sixth Addendum to
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116

*Amending and Clarifying the Organization of the
Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs
(Executive Order No. 98)*

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the Constitutional Government of the Republic of Palau on January 1, 1981, the basic framework for the structure of the Executive Branch of the National Government was set forth by Public Law No. 7-8-8 (2 PNC 101-114) and consisted of five (5) major departments; namely Ministry of State, Justice, National Resources, Social Services, and Administration: and

WHEREAS, specific bureaus, divisions, programs, activities and the related functions, responsibilities and duties of the five (5) ministries were formally established on September 29, 1982, upon promulgation of Executive Order No. 09, and subsequent amendments thereafter; and

WHEREAS, said Executive Branch of the National Government was further reorganized on July 27, 1990, by Public Law No. 3-30, which increased the major departments to eight (8); namely Ministry of State, Justice, Resources and Development, Commerce and Trade, Administration, Health, Education, and Community and Cultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the mandates of RPPL 3-30, Executive Order No. 98, promulgated on January 7, 1991, reorganized and established bureaus, divisions, programs, activities and assigned related functions and responsibilities thereto; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 116 was issued on January 14, 1993 and established and reorganized bureaus, divisions and programs together with their respective functions, duties, and responsibilities within various ministries; and

WHEREAS, Addenda to Executive Order No. 116 have been issued for the purpose of initiating or improving needed services to the public; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 4 of Title 19 of the Palau National Code creates (pursuant to RPPL No. 3-38) a National Archives the Bureau of Community Services” which is to “establish policies governing the operations of the archives” as well as other responsibilities; and an Archivist who is “subject to direction given to him by the Archives Council . . . be charged with care, custody, control and administration of the public records in the Archives Office”; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 116 states that “Division of National Archives. The Division of National Archives shall be headed by a Chief who, with the assistance of staff, shall administer and implement the provisions of RPPL No. 3-38”; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify the respective roles and functions of the Archives Council, the Archivist and the Director of the Bureau of Community Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 98 and 116 are hereby amended to add the following provision with regard to the Division of National Archives. “The National Archives is ‘within the Bureau of Community Services’ for administrative purposes only. Policy decisions shall, in conformance with Chapter 4 of Title 19 Palau National Code, be made by the Archives Council. [sic]

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 19th day of January, 1996, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau