

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 126

For the Purpose of Re-establishing a CAPITAL RELOCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau states that “The provisional capital shall be located in Koror; provided, that not later than ten (10) years after the effective date of this Constitution, the Olbiil Era Kelulau shall designate a place in Babeldaob to be the permanent capital”;

WHEREAS, 36 PNC Sections 301-307 specifically designates the state of Melekeok as the site of the National Capital;

WHEREAS, on February of 1988 Executive Order No. 64 established a Capital Relocation Advisory Committee to advise the President but there is currently a need for a new committee to be established; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3-087-14, HDI and 4-6-2 endorse the Capital Relocation Project; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of the Capital could have very positive effects on our nation as a whole by reducing the infrastructure burden in Koror and increasing the economic viability of Babeldaob;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, I do hereby Proclaim and Order as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 64 is hereby rescinded and superseded;
2. A Capital Relocation Advisory Committee (“CRAC”) is hereby established which shall consist of the following individuals:
 - Mr. Marcelino Melairei, Minister of Resources and Development (Chairperson)
 - Ms. Katharine Kesolei, Director, Melekeok Economic Development Authority (vice Chairperson)
 - Mr. Demei Otobed, Chief, Division of Conservation and Entomology (Member)
 - Mr. John L. Tellei, Coordinator, PCM Runway & Homeless Youth Program (Member)
 - Laurentino Ulechong, Road Project Coordinator (Member)
3. CRAC shall review all matters related to the Capital Relocation and make a final Report with recommendations to the Office of the President no later than August 1, 1994. CRAC shall make periodic status reports on its progress to the Office of the President on March 1, 1994 and May 2, 1994.

4. The first meeting of CRAC shall be held Tuesday, January 18th, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. in the Office of the President at which time I will review my thoughts on this issue with you in greater detail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 10th day of January 1994 in the state of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau