

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 130

### *To Establish a Hospital Trust Fund and Related Purposes*

**WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of the National Government to grant a greater degree of autonomy to the Ministry of Health in the financial management of the Belau National Hospital which will enable the Hospital to operate in a more professional and efficient manner; and

**WHEREAS**, a Palau Health Board has been established which is an important part of such increase hl autonomy; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and the Office of Territorial and International Affairs have, as a condition of a grant for the purchase of \$1,984,000 worth of hospital equipment, indicated that fees and charges for hospital services should be dedicated to use by the Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Health is in need of its own petty cash to allow urgent, after-hour and weekend drug, medical and maintenance supply purchases which is consistent with an increase in autonomy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that:

1. A Hospital Trust Fund (the "Fund") shall be established by the Director of the Bureau of National Treasury. The Fund shall be used to deposit and record the collection of all fees and charges from the Hospital, public health/Community Health Center and Dental Clinic;
2. Effective March 15, 1994, the Ministry of Health shall be responsible for the collection of all medical and dental fees and other charges for the hospital, public health/Community Health Center and Dental Clinic, including off-island medical referrals and pharmaceutical sales and including, but not necessarily limited to, collections at the time of services rendered and collection of accounts receivables. All such collection shall be transmitted to the Bureau of National Treasury in accordance with public law;
3. For FY 1994, the Ministry of Health may utilize funds from either the General Operating Budget or the Fund up to the total maximum amount authorized and appropriated for the Ministry of Health for FY 1994. Trust Funds shall be considered as expended prior to General Operating Budget funds; in no event shall there be an unexpended balance that is carried forward into FY 1995; and
4. The Ministry of Health is authorized to establish a petty cash fund in the amount of \$2,500, to be operated under the terms and conditions of Petty Cash Regulations upon the

issuance by the Director of the Bureau of National Treasury or such regulations.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1994, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau