

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

Official Seal (Office of the President)

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch of the National Government of the Republic of Palau has since the installation of the constitutional government on 1 January 1981 been waiting for enactment by the Olbiil Era Kelulau a law establishing a uniform National Official Seal for the National Government of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, a number of legislative proposals has been considered by the Olbiil Era Kelulau designed to accomplish this very vital purpose but no consensus has been arrived at; and

WHEREAS, in the interim, both the Supreme Court (Judicial Branch) and the Olbiil Era Kelulau (Legislative Branch) have each adopted and regularly use their own respective branch official seals; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed absolutely imperative that the Office of the President (on behalf of the Executive Branch) proclaim, adopt and likewise use its own, respective official seal for among other things to authenticate government documents as officially emanating from said Office of the President and its subordinate offices,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and ordered that an Official Seal for the Office of the President of the Republic of Palau be established embodying the emblem substantially similar to that proposed in House Bill No. 1-0091-3, HD2, SD1, CD2. Accordingly, said Official Seal of the Office of the President shall contain the following symbols, designs and characteristics:

1. Three circles encompassing the Seal on top of the inner part of which is the phrase "OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT", and at the bottom, the phrase "REPUBLIC OF PALAU."
2. Front of a Palauan traditional Bai, enclosed within the circles, which sits upon sixteen (16) stones as the Bai's foundation, and with the year "1981" in the foreground.
3. Two coconut fronds with one on each side of the Bai in a circular formation symmetrical both to the Bai and the circles.
4. Four roosters at the bottom of each of the four posts supporting the Bai.
5. Three surgeon fish at the lowest layer of the gable of the Bai.
6. A Palauan woman (Llouchel) planting taros on the second gable layer.
7. War canoe (Kabekel) with Palauan men paddling it on the third gable layer.

8. Queen mother spider (Mangidabrutkoel) on the fourth gable layer.
9. A Palauan warrior with a spear on his right hand and a hatchet on his left directly above the spider.
10. A human face at the center top of the Bai.
11. A flag pole looming at the left side of the roof of the Bai extended from which is a banner bearing the inscription "OFFICIAL SEAL."

IT IS FURTHER proclaimed and ordered that said Official Seal above described and as depicted in the attached sketch, be engraved, printed and otherwise reproduced at the earliest time possible to be used for the purposes for which it is being established.

IT IS FURTHER proclaimed and ordered that, with certain modifications, the "Meaning of Symbols" recommended by Conference Committee Report No. 12 of the Olbiil Era Kelulau of November 5, 1982, is hereby adopted as the official interpretation of symbols, designs or characteristics contained in this Official Seal.

IT IS FURTHER proclaimed and ordered that the President of the Republic of Palau, and in his absence from the Republic, the Vice President of the Republic of Palau, shall be the official keeper of the Official Seal herein established.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature on this 18th day of July, 1983, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau