

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 157¹

[repealed by Executive Order 235]

Establishing a Task Force on Cancer Prevention and Screening and Early Detection

WHEREAS, cancer growth in the Republic of Palau has been steadily increasing and has become one of the top five causes of death in Palau; and

WHEREAS, such increase in cancer cases in Palau may be directly linked to the changing lifestyles and diets of the people of Palau, and of the peoples of the Pacific islands in general, from that of a simple diet to a more complex diet of imported, processed food, to the use of cigarettes and other tobacco products, betel-nut chewing and the use of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, cases of breast cancer top the list followed by lung cancer and prostate cancer in that order, and that screening and early detection is the only way to prevent cancer from spreading and claiming lives; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to conduct mass public education to inform the people about cancer prevention and screening and early detection, and that it is desirable to screen all Palauans for early detection of cancer so as to cure them and save lives; and

WHEREAS, one of the best ways to do this is through the creation of a special task force to carry out such purposes of public education and to bring people in to the Ministry of Health for screening and early cancer detection;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby establish a task force to be called "*The Cancer No More Task Force.*" The duties and responsibilities of said task force shall be as follows:

1. To conduct public education programs to inform all people of Palau regarding prevention, screening and early detection of cancer.
2. To screen all Palauans for cancer by the year 2002.
3. To seek funding sources within and outside of the Republic of Palau to carry out its programs.
4. To cooperate with the Ministry of Health in carrying out cancer screening programs and establishing a cancer registry in Palau.
5. To assist the Ministry of Health in establishing support programs for cancer

¹ Executive Order 235 states: "Executive Order No. 157 is hereby superseded and no longer of any effect."

patients and families.

6. To conduct such other related activities to promote better health within the Republic of Palau and to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

7. *The Cancer No More Task Force* shall consist of the following members:

Ms. Yorah I. Demei, Chairperson	Mrs. Kathy
Ms. Christina Salii	Dr. O. Francisca Soaladaob
Dr. Stevenson Kuartei	Ms. Carita Asanuma
Ms. Jane Olsudong	Ms. Roberta Louch
Governor Jackson Ngiraingas	Governor Rudimch Titiml
Governor John Skebong	Mrs. Thecla Kodep
Ms. Dilmei Olkeriil	Mr. Jemmy Belelai
Mr. Thomas Taro	Mrs. Regina Mesebeluu
Senator Sandra S. Pierantozzi	Delegate Lucio Ngiraiwet

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 15th day of January 1998, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau
Republic of Palau