

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17

Amending Executive Order No. 9

By (A) Empowering Each Minister to Execute Government Contracts and (B) To Establish the Position of Administrative Officer Within Each Ministry

WHEREAS, under Part IX of Executive Order No. 9, the President of the Republic of Palau is empowered to establish additional bureaus, divisions, offices or agencies or abolish therefrom by amendments to said Executive Order No. 9; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of all Ministers, to which I concur, that each Minister be empowered to execute government contracts required in the fulfillment of his respective areas of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is further the consensus of the cabinet Ministers that a staff position for an administrative officer be created within each Ministry to assist each Minister in carrying out the duties of his respective Ministry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution, laws and Executive Orders of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order ND. 9 is amended as follows:

The colon at the end of Parts II through VI inclusively is deleted and replaced with a period. Incorporated immediately thereafter will be the following:

“The Minister, or his duly authorized designee, is empowered to execute government contracts relating to and in the fulfillment of the duties, responsibilities and functions of his Ministry; provided, however, that the authority to enter into or execute government-to-government treaties, agreements with foreign governments/nations, international or regional organizations is reserved with and shall be exercised by the President, and in his absence, by the Vice President of the Republic of Palau.

There is established a staff position to be occupied by an Administrative Officer within the Ministry and whose duties and responsibilities shall be prescribed as appropriate by the Minister; provided, however, that said Administrative Officer shall in no way exercise the authority of nor assume or perform the duties or otherwise act on behalf of the Minister, and; provided, further, that the Administrative Officer shall not exercise line authority over the Bureaus, Divisions, or other offices within the Ministry.”

This Executive Order becomes effective immediately upon issuance and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded by subsequent order, or otherwise rendered ineffective by force of law enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this

17th day of August, 1983, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Haruo I. Remeliik
President
Republic of Palau