

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 188

Establishing a National Religious Advisory Council

WHEREAS, The Churches in Palau provide strong moral leadership to the People and youth of Palau; and

WHEREAS, The Churches in Palau are critical in the development of the moral strength of the youth of Palau; and

WHEREAS, The Churches in Palau are strong partners with the family and the government in combating drug use among Palau's youth; and

WHEREAS, The Churches in Palau are strong partners with the family and the government in educating Palau's youth,

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that a National Religious Advisory Council be and hereby is established, beginning on the effective date of this Executive Order.

1. Membership - The Advisory Council shall be composed of eight members appointed by the President and shall serve at his pleasure.

2. Duties and Responsibilities -

- To review and make recommendations to develop and strengthen character building programs in Palau's public and private educational institutions;
- To review and make recommendations to develop and strengthen community programs with a view to combating drug use amongst the Youth of Palau; and
- To review and make recommendations to develop cooperative arrangements with relevant government agencies in order to establish and strengthen positive youth program services.

3. Meetings - The National Religious Advisory Council shall meet no less than twice a year.

4. Annual Report - The National Religious Advisory Council shall issue a yearly report to the President. The Advisory Council shall report on each of the duties and responsibilities set forth above and shall include appropriate recommendations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 1st day of January, 2001, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau