

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 222

### *Creating the Prevention Advisory Council of Palau*

**WHEREAS**, the National Government of the Republic of Palau has great interest in the prevention of substance abuse in the Republic, and such prevention is a priority of this Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse is increasingly prevalent; and

**WHEREAS**, to combat this increased abuse effectively, there must be additional human resource capacity and a stronger prevention infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to coordinate, leverage and redirect prevention funding streams and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the future of the Republic of Palau's economic and societal well-being, and the economic and social health of its citizens, depends upon strategic planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Health has requested creation of the Prevention Advisory Council, to be tasked with the duties and responsibilities set forth herein.

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

1. The Prevention Advisory Council of Palau ("PACP") is hereby established, consisting of the following individuals or their designees:

- Berry Moon Watson, Family Health Unit, M.O.H.
- Annabel Lyman, Coalition for a Tobacco Free Palau
- Baklai Temengil, Palau National Olympic Committee
- Bibbie Kumangai, PCC Palau Student Organization
- Deboral Rebluud, Ministry of Education
- Dr. Caleb Otto, Rotary Club
- Ginny Nakamura, Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs
- Hermana Umetaro, Belau Family, Community, School Association
- Joe Aitaro, Palau National Youth Council
- Kathy Kesolei, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center, M.O.E.
- Limitz Iyar, National Religious Advisory Council
- Merensia Edward, Palau Community College
- Regina Mesebeluu, Director, Palau HeadStart
- Ruluked Daniel, Ministry of Justice
- Tiare Holm, PCS & Small Island Voice Program

2. In addition to the membership set forth above, active participation from the following esteemed branches and organizations is encouraged to successfully reduce substance abuse among our people:

- The Judiciary
- The House Committee on Social, Cultural and Youth Affairs
- The Council of Chiefs
- The Governors' Association
- The Koror State Youth Council
- The Koror State Youth Center

3. PACP shall work jointly with the Ministry of Health, Division of Behavioral Health to develop a comprehensive, nationwide substance abuse prevention and early intervention strategy.

4. PACP is delegated the authority to meet with the appropriate agencies, including non-government organizations, to discuss any matters relating to the development of a national substance abuse prevention strategy.

5. PACP shall submit its recommendation to the President for appointment of a Chairperson after its first meeting in January 2004.

6. Thereafter, PACP shall meet at least once each month, and it shall submit quarterly progress reports to the Minister of Health, with copies thereof sent to the Office of the President.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 7th day of January, 2004, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

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