

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 223

Establishing a Palau National Youth Policy Committee

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau, as a member of the Pacific Community, is committed to both a national and regional strategy outlining future directions and initiatives for youth toward 2005 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the youth of Palau can play a strategic role as positive contributors to the overall development of the Republic of Palau and the region; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Pacific Youth Strategy 2005, adopted by the Ministers of Youth at the First Pacific Youth Ministers' Meeting held in Papeete, French Polynesia from 30 June to 1 July 1998, aims at creating and maintaining genuine opportunities for young people to play an active role in the economic, social, cultural and spiritual development of their societies; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau wishes to see its young men and women reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishment of these aims can best be facilitated through the creation of a broad based committee with representation throughout the community, both public and private.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that a Palau National Youth Policy Committee be created to recommend the actions best suited to assist the youth of Palau.

1. Membership of the Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

- Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs or Director of the Bureau of Community Service, who shall act as Chairperson for the Committee;
- Chief of the Division of National Youth Affairs;
- Office of the President, Assistant to the President on Youth Matters;
- Director of Public Health or designee;
- Director of Education or designee;
- Director of the Bureau of Public Safety or designee;
- Director of Human Resources or designee; and

- Director of International Trade or designee.

2. Duties and Functions. The Palau National Youth Policy Committee shall have the following duties and functions:

- 1) To develop a Palau National Youth Policy;
- 2) To create subcommittees to assist in the collection and dissemination of relevant information to necessary and interested parties;
- 3) To make assessments of the current youth programs available;
- 4) To analyze and make an initial assessment of the needs of the youth;
- 5) To recommend appropriate programs and policies; and
- 6) To draft enabling legislation for the Palau National Youth Policy(cies).

3. Administrative Support. Administrative Support to the Palau National Youth Policy Committee shall be provided by the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs and other government agencies as deemed necessary.

4. Meetings. The Committee shall meet at least three times each month. The initial meeting of the Palau National Youth Policy Committee shall be called by the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs or Director of the Bureau of Community Services and shall be held within thirty days of the signing of this Order.

5. Term of the Committee. The Committee shall continue in existence until a written Palau National Youth Policy and a draft of its enabling legislation are completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 8th day of January, 2004, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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