

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 235

Establishing a Coalition on Cancer Prevention, Screening/Early Detection, Treatment and Survivorship Care.

WHEREAS, cancer has become the number one cause of death in the Republic of Palau, and its incidence among Palauans is steadily increasing; and

WHEREAS, such increase in cancer cases in Palau may be directly linked to the changing lifestyles and diets of the people of Palau, including the change from a simple diet of local fish, fruit and vegetables to a more complex diet of imported, processed food; and

WHEREAS, use of cigarettes and other tobacco products, betelnut chewing and consumption of alcoholic beverages also contribute to the higher incidence of cancer among our people; and

WHEREAS, the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the Ministry of Health and the Cancer Coalition have formed a partnership to raise awareness on the social, economic, and emotional impact of cancer to families and the Republic; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement comprehensive cancer prevention and control services within Palau to focus on all aspects of cancer care; and

WHEREAS, to reduce cancer morbidity and mortality, it is necessary to conduct a large-scale public education campaign regarding cancer prevention, particularly encouraging screening and early detection programs, designed to catch cancer at its earliest stage when it is treatable; and

WHEREAS, we must create, enhance and promote Survivorship/Palliative care programs, designed to reduce the social, economic, emotional and spiritual burden of cancer care to families affected thereby; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a special coalition is necessary to ensure the availability of comprehensive cancer prevention and control services;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, I hereby establish a Cancer Coalition to be called “Omelemel Ma Ulekerreuil a Bedenged (OMUB).”

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The duties and responsibilities of said Cancer Coalition shall be as follows:

1. To assist the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the Ministry of Health in developing and implementing comprehensive cancer control services in the Republic of Palau;

2. To conduct public education programs regarding available Prevention, Screening/Early Detection, Treatment and Survivorship/Palliative services;
3. To seek funding sources within and outside of the Republic of Palau to carry out its programs;
4. To assist the Ministry of Health in establishing support programs for cancer patients and families;
5. To conduct related activities to promote better health within the Republic of Palau and as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

MEMBERSHIP: The Cancer Coalition shall consist of the following members:

Mr. Joe Aitaro - Chairman	Mrs. Hanora Rudimch
Mrs. Aholiba Albert - Vice Chairperson	Mrs. Valerie Whipps
Ms. Cathy Francisco - Treasurer	Mr. Patrick Moses
Senator Caleb Otto	Mr. Rudimch Kuroda
Delegate Joel Toribiong	Dr. Isebong Asang
Mr. Obodei Iyar	Mr. Kazuki Topps Sungino
Mrs. Debbie Rengiil	Mrs. Dilmei Olkeriil
Mrs. Debbie Nagata	Ms. Diljune Etpison
Mrs. Rosania Victor	Mr. Eduardo Aguas
Mrs. Inez Remengesau	Mr. Patrick Nestor
Ms. Adelina Blailes	Mr. John Mengidab
Mr. Benhart Wong	Mrs. Josepha Tiobech
Mr. Henaro Antonio	Mrs. Ingeang Rimirch
Mrs. Mitsko Ngrichomlei	Ms. Merlyn Basilius

Supporting staff:

Ms. Yoram I. Demei	Mr. Regis Emesiochel
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Ms. Irish Tutii	Ms. Suzette Brikul

MEETINGS: The first meeting of the Coalition shall be at 10:00 a.m. on September 27, 2005 at the Conference Room at the Office of the President, or at such other place and time as may be set by the Chairman.

Executive Order No. 157 is hereby superseded and no longer of any effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 23rd day of Sept., 2005, at the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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