

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24<sup>1</sup>

### *Rules and Procedures for the Display of the Flag of the Republic of Palau*

**Part 1. Purpose.** The purpose of these Rules and Procedures is to establish a procedure for the display of the Flag of the Republic of Palau in general established as Every Day Flag Etiquette and at half-mast upon the death of certain officials and former officials of the Republic of Palau, or traditional leaders of Palau, and others, and to prescribe for the uniform observance of this sign of respect by all ministries, departments and agencies of the Government of the Republic of Palau and its several states and as a guide to the people of Palau on such occasions.

**Part 2. General Display.** It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

(a) When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the Republic of Palau flag should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the flag to the left of the observer in the street.

(b) No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the Republic of Palau at any place within the Republic of Palau or any Territory or possession thereof; Provided, that nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the Republic of Palau at the headquarters of the United Nations.

(c) When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the Republic of Palau, the latter should always be at the peak.

(d) When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the Republic of Palau

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<sup>1</sup> The title in the original document reads: "Amendment to Executive Order No. 24". However, the document amends the original Executive Order 24 "in its entirety". The amendment reads:

"Re: Rules and Procedures for the Display of the Flag of the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 24 initially set forth the rules and procedures for the half-mast display of the flag of the Republic of Palau and applied to Trust Territory officials; and

WHEREAS, procedures for the general display of every day flag etiquette have recently been developed and as an independent nation the half-mast display should not apply to Trust Territory officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 24 is amended in its entirety to read as follows:"

should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the Republic of Palau or to the Republic of Palau flag's right.

(e) The flag of the Republic of Palau, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

(f) The flag of the Republic of Palau should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

(g) When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

(h) When used on a speaker's platform, at church, auditoriums, etc., the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the Republic of Palau should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or the right of the audience.

**Part 3. Procedure and Locations of Flag at Half-Mast.** The flag, when flown at half-mast, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By order of the President, the flag shall be flown at half-mast upon the death of principal figures of the ROP Government and the Governor of a State, as a mark of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-mast according to Presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law. The flag of the Republic of Palau shall be flown at half-mast on all public buildings, grounds and vessels of the Republic of Palau at its provisional capital of Koror State and throughout the several states of the Republic of Palau and at its various liaison or representative offices or diplomatic missions outside the Republic of Palau for the period indicated below upon the death of any of the following designated officials:

(a) The President, or former President of the Republic of Palau for fifteen (15) days from the day of death.

(b) The Vice President or former Vice President of the Republic of Palau; the Chief Justice or retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau; the President or former President of the Senate and the Speaker or former Speaker of the House of Delegates, Olbiil Era Kelulau, for ten (10) days from the day of death.

(c) The Senator or former Senator, Delegate or former Delegate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; Associate Justice or retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the

Republic of Palau; former Palauan Senator or Representative to the Congress of Micronesia; former District Administrator of Palau District; former Speaker of Palau District Legislature and member or former member of the Presidential Cabinet, for five (5) days from the day of death.

(d) The high ranking chief, the Governor or former Governor; the Speaker or former Speaker of Legislatures of each of the several states of the Republic of Palau, and former members of the Palau District Legislature, from the day of death until internment; Provided, that the period of half-mast display shall not exceed five (5) days from the day of death.

(e) In the event of the death of other officials or former officials; traditional leaders; or outstanding citizens of the Republic of Palau; United Nations, United States or other foreign dignitaries, the Flag of the Republic of Palau shall be displayed at half-mast in accordance with such orders or instructions as may be issued by or at the discretion of the President of the Republic of Palau, or in accordance with recognized customs or traditional practices not inconsistent with laws; Provided, that the period of half-mast display shall not exceed five (5) days from the day of death.

(f) In the event that the official state funeral for an individual is beyond the period designated for flying the flag at half-mast then, at the discretion of the President, the flag may be flown at half-mast for an additional period through and including the occasion of the funeral.<sup>2</sup>

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(g) Upon notification by the Minister of State that a condition of national funeral in the Republic of Palau exists, the heads of Republic of Palau's Representative or Liaison Offices or its Diplomatic Missions shall fly or cause to be flown at half-mast the Flag of the Republic of Palau for the duration of the declared period.

(h) In due respect to the host country, government or territory, the heads of the Republic of Palau's Representative or Liaison Offices or its Diplomatic Missions shall fly or cause to be flown at half-mast the Flag of the Republic of Palau as an expression of sympathy therein and for as long as the national flag of the host country, government or territory is displayed at half-mast. In the event only the territorial flag of a territory or possession is displayed at half-mast, the Flag of the Republic of Palau will be flown at half-mast only for the day of death.

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<sup>2</sup> This section was amended by "Addendum to Executive Order No. 24 dated June 30, 1995.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my seal this  
12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1995, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

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Kuniwo Nakamura  
President  
Republic of Palau