

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292

### *Repealing Executive Order No. 24 and Declaring New Rules and Procedures for the Display of the Flag of the Republic of Palau*

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 24, as amended by President Kuniwo Nakamura on July 12, 1995, sets forth the current rules and procedures for the half-mast display of the flag of the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, the flag etiquette practices of the Republic of Palau have evolved since Executive Order No. 24 was issued in 1995 and need to be amended to reflect such changes; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 PNC §503(c) permits the President to establish rules and procedures for the half-mast display of the flag, and such other rules and procedures as may be appropriate for display of the flag:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in the President by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau and 1 PNC § 503(c), the President orders that Executive Order No. 24--and all other Executive Orders and Presidential or Administrative Directives regarding flag etiquette to the extent that such are specifically or by necessary implication amended or repealed hereby--is hereby repealed and replaced by this Executive Order.

Part 1. Purpose. The purpose of these Rules and Procedures is to establish procedures for the general display of the Flag of the Republic of Palau (the "Flag"), and at half-mast upon the death of a government or traditional leader or distinguished citizen of the Republic, and as otherwise ordered by the President, and to prescribe for the uniform observance of these procedures by all ministries, departments and agencies of the Government of the Republic of Palau, by its Embassies, Consulates, Missions or Liaison Offices in other countries, by 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 flags 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.

At any place within the Republic of Palau or upon the grounds of the Embassies, Consulates, Missions or Liaison Offices of Palau in other countries:

(a) When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the Flag should be uppermost and to the 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 any other national or international flag in a position equal, above, or of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the Flag.

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

(d) When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the Flag should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the Flag or to the Flag's right.

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

(f) The Flag 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 on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open, 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 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, that is, to the observer's left. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to 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. As ordered by the President, as a symbol of national mourning and as a mark of respect to their memory, the Flag shall be flown at half-mast upon the death of a government or traditional leader or distinguished citizen of the Republic. In the event of the death of other persons, the Flag is to be displayed at half-mast according to the instructions or orders of the President, or in accordance with

recognized customs or practices not inconsistent with law. The Flag shall be flown at half-mast on all public buildings, grounds and vessels of the Republic of Palau, throughout the several states of the Republic of Palau, and at the Embassies, Consulates, Missions or Liaison Offices of Palau in other countries, for the appropriate period indicated below:

- (a) For the President, or former President of the Republic of Palau, for fifteen (15) days.
- (b) For 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 of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, for ten (10) days.
- (c) For a 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.
- (d) For a high ranking traditional leader, 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, for a period not to exceed five (5) days.
- (e) In the event of the death of other officials or former officials, traditional leaders, outstanding citizens or residents of the Republic of Palau, officials of the United States, United Nations, or other foreign dignitaries, or upon the death of other persons, the Flag 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, or in accordance with recognized customs or traditional practices not inconsistent with law; provided, that the period of half-mast display shall not exceed five (5) days.
- (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.
- (g) In due respect to the host country, government or territory, the Ambassadors or heads of the Republic of Palau's Embassies, Consulates, Missions or Liaison Offices in other countries shall fly or cause to be flown at half-mast the Flag as an expression of sympathy therein and for as long as the flag of the host country, government or territory is displayed at half-mast.

Part 4. Effective Date.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect until amended or repealed.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011.

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Johnson Toribiong  
President  
Republic of Palau