

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 316

Rescinding Executive Order No. 275 in order to allow the Attorney General to provide effective legal services to the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General within the Ministry of Justice is headed by the Attorney General who is appointed by the President; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General is mandated and obligated by law and by Executive Order to provide legal services to the Republic, including the performing of the duties provided by statute or as assigned by the President; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch, its ministries, agencies, and employees benefit greatly from having unbiased and unaltered legal guidance from the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 275, issued on October 19, 2009, reduces the ability of the Attorney General's office to do its job, and subjects its opinions to suppression or alteration by the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 275, therefore prevents the Attorney General's Office from effectively doing its job and the Executive Branch suffers from this lack of legal guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE by virtue of the authority vested in the President by Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau and the aforementioned laws, the President orders as follows:

That Executive Order No. 275 is **RESCINDED** in its entirety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 17th day of January, 2013.

/s/

Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau