

## Executive Order No. 336

### *To rescind Executive Order No. 294 and eliminate Memorial Day as a notional holiday*

**WHEREAS**, it must be recognized that, instead of adopting the traditional national holidays of the United States of America, the Republic of Palau has chosen to legislate many of its own national holidays, including Constitution Day, which is a day to celebrate our Constitution and independence as a sovereign nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau has many national holidays that typically cost the national government in excess of \$100,000 in overtime costs; and

**WHEREAS**, we should be supportive of government productivity and improved provisioning of government services to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, each state government has the authority to create its own state holidays, including observance of Memorial Day, to remember fallen and active U.S. military service members who have risked their lives to protect the liberty of mankind; for example, Angaur and Peleliu states have legislated for annual observance of Liberation Day that recognizes the U.S. armed forces for their role in liberating the two states during the World War II, as well as other states that have declared their own Memorial Day holidays;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in the President by 1 PNC §701, the President hereby orders that:

- Executive Order No. 294 is rescinded in its entirety.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013, at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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