

## **Executive Order No. 342**

*To move the final oversight role for the relief effort for the impact of Typhoon Bopha over to the Palau Housing Authority, in consultation with the Capital Improvement Office.*

**WHEREAS**, on December 4, 2012, Super Typhoon Bopha hit the Republic of Palau and caused considerable damage to property throughout the Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2012, President Johnson Toribiong, under his emergency legislative authority, signed into law RPPL No. 8-52, which authorized \$10,000,000 and appropriated \$5,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2012, President Johnson Toribiong signed Executive Order No. 314, which appointed Dr. Patrick Tellei as his designee to execute the provisions of RPPL No. 8-52 with the title of the “Bopha Catastrophe Relief Coordinator”; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 19, 2010, President Johnson Toribiong signed Executive Order No. 287, which adopted “The 2010 Palau National Disaster Risk Management Framework,” a framework that was created after a comprehensive review by SOPAC’s “Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters, and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palau National Disaster Risk Management Framework created a standing National Emergency Committee that specifies that the Vice President is to be the Chairman of the standing National Emergency Committee and execute the Palau National Disaster Risk Management Framework whenever Palau is struck by a national disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order Nos. 287 and 314, therefore, conflicted with one another and clarity needed to be brought to the situation by appointing the Chairman of the standing National Disaster Committee, Vice President Antonio Bells, as the “Bopha Catastrophe Relief Coordinator,” which was accomplished with Executive Order No. 320; and

**WHEREAS**, the immediate housing emergency posed by Typhoon Bopha has passed and most families that were affected by Typhoon Bopha either already have their homes built or are in the process of being built; as a result, it is no longer necessary for the National Emergency Committee to continue to exercise oversight of the relief effort for Typhoon Bopha; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority and power set forth in the laws of the Republic and in the Constitution as vested in the President, the President hereby orders as follows:

- (1) That Vice President Antonio Bells is to be commended for his efforts and is hereby relieved of duty as the Bopha Catastrophe Relief Coordinator.
- (2) That the National Emergency Committee shall turn over all contracts, documents, and information related to Typhoon Bopha to the Palau Housing Authority.
- (3) That the Palau Housing Authority shall assume responsibility for the oversight of all contracts that were executed by the National Emergency Committee and work closely with the Capital Improvement Office in order to ensure that all contracts are properly executed and bring closure to the relief effort.
- (4) That, as a part of its oversight duties set forth in Section (3), the Palau Housing Authority shall review any further claims made for relief from the impact of Typhoon Bopha and immediately bring to the attention of the President any claims that the Palau Housing Authority believes should be addressed with recommendations as to the appropriate action for the national government to take to support those that continue to be affected by Typhoon Bopha.
- (5) That the Palau Housing Authority and the Capital Improvement Office shall work together in all future aspects of Typhoon Bopha relief.
- (6) That the Palau Housing Authority shall provide a quarterly report to the President on all issues related to the relief effort so that the President is assured that all victims of Typhoon Bopha are adequately cared for. In compiling the report required by this Section, the Palau Housing Authority shall consult with the Capital Improvement Office on the status of the execution of capital improvement contracts.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this August 5, 2013:

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/s/  
Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President  
Republic of Palau