

Executive Order No. 347

To create a Task Force to formulate a plan for the relocation of the jail and all related facilities within the next three (3) years.

WHEREAS, the jail for the Republic sits in the middle of the most populous area of the Republic, within short distance of restaurants, hotels, and other places that tourists frequent; and

WHEREAS, the jail is currently overcrowded with inmates; and

WHEREAS, the jail is of such poor condition that inmates routinely escape with very little effort; and

WHEREAS, the facilities at the jail are deteriorated, inadequate, and an eyesore; and

WHEREAS, notions of human rights and general principles of human decency indicate that the jail needs to be upgraded in order to provide humane treatment of the Republic's prisoners; and

WHEREAS, a new jail could be expanded to provide greater vocational training and other skills for use following the period of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau recently urged the President of the Republic to appoint a Task Force to formulate a plan to move the jail to an upgraded facility, in a more remote location, with greater opportunities for vocational training so as to reduce recidivism; and

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority set forth in the Constitution of the Republic of Palau as vested in the President of the Republic to enforce the law of the land, and as urged by House Joint Resolution No. 9-20-2, the President hereby orders as follows:

(a) That a Jail Relocation Task Force is hereby created with the following members:

- (1) Vice President Antonio Bells, Minister of Justice, or his designee, who shall act as the Chairman of the Task Force.
- (2) Charles Obichang, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce.
- (3) Brian Melarei, Manager, Capital Improvement Project Office.

- (4) Camsek E. Chin, Senate President, or his designee.
 - (5) Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the House of Delegates, or his designee.
 - (6) One representative of the Governor's Association, to be chosen by a majority of the Association.
- (b) That the Task Force shall evaluate the following:
- (1) A suitable place to relocate the jail to a location outside of Koror State to an upgraded facility that will have suitable space for expansion; ensuring the security of the building, such that inmates will be less likely to escape; and provide for enhanced vocational training, particularly in agriculture and aquaculture.
 - (2) How much the relocation will cost and recommend an appropriate financing plan to pay for the cost of the jail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this August 27, 2013, in the Republic of Palau.

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