

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35-85**

**WHEREAS**, the traditional leaders of our nation have provided our people with government and guidance for hundreds of years; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to all Palauans that in facing our future we make the best possible use of the wisdom and counsel of our traditional leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, our Constitution specifically recognizes the continuing importance of our traditional leaders under our Constitutional form of government; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that there be close contact between the elected leadership of the Republic of Palau and our Traditional Leaders; now, therefore

**IT IS ORDERED** that there be created within the Executive Office of the President an Office of the Council of Chiefs, to effectively implement the role of our Traditional Leaders in our Constitutional government, to facilitate communications between the officials of the Executive Branch of government and our Traditional Leaders, and to provide administrative support to the Council of Chiefs in carrying out its Constitutional duty to advise the President.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1985.

Lazarus Salii  
President  
Republic of Palau