

## **Executive Order No. 353**

### ***To Create the Super Typhoon Haiyan Relief Effort Committee.***

***WHEREAS***, on November 7, 2013, in the early morning Super Typhoon Haiyan passed over northern Palau, with the eye passing directly over Kayangel State; and

***WHEREAS***, Super Typhoon Haiyan caused extensive damage in the northern states of Palau, especially Kayangel State where the nearly all the homes and agriculture was destroyed; and

***WHEREAS***, on November 8, 2013, President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. declared a state of emergency, and on November 9, 2013, the Olbiil Era Kelulau, in a special session of Congress, confirmed the state of emergency; and

***WHEREAS***, the National Emergency Committee has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of the devastation wrought upon Palau and the level of assistance needed throughout the Republic; and

***WHEREAS***, a range of needs have been identified in the Super Typhoon Haiyan Immediate & Near Term Recovery Plan, including residential damage assessment results ranging from 0 - 4 with the largest concentration of "4's" located in Kayangel State; and

***WHEREAS***, on November 26, 2013, the National Emergency Committee has finalized and adopted the Super Typhoon Haiyan Immediate & Near Term Recovery Plan and will therefore be deactivated and a new administrative body must be created to administer and execute the Recovery Plan; and

***NOW THEREFORE***, by virtue of the authority set forth in the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic as vested in the President of the Republic, I hereby direct as follows:

1. That the Haiyan Relief Effort Committee is hereby created.

2. The Haiyan Relief Effort Committee shall be comprised of the following individuals:
  - A. Billy G. Kuartei, Minister of State, who shall act as the Chairman of the Organization.
  - B. Charles Obichang, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce.
  - C. Freida Delmau, Executive Director of Palau Housing Authority.
  - D. Brian Melairei, Director of Public Works.
  - E. Secilil Eldebechel, Chief of Staff, Office of the President.
  - F. Millan Isack, Chief of Procurement and Supply, Ministry of Finance.
3. That the Haiyan Relief Effort Committee shall execute the Super Typhoon Haiyan Immediate & Near Term Recovery Plan promulgated by the National Emergency Committee on November 24, 2013.
4. That all applicable Ministries, the Grant Office and the Grant Coordinator, the Environmental Quality Protection Board, Palau Public Utilities Corporation, and the National Emergency Management Organization shall provide any support requested by the Committee that may facilitate its efforts.

It is so directed, this November 29, 2013:

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