

Executive Order No. 364

To order the establishment of a standing Civic Action Team Coordinating Committee.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Compact of Free Association and its enabling legislation the United States maintains a military led Civic Action Team in the Republic of Palau for the purpose of cultivating strong relations between our two countries through various community relations projects and construction projects that are designed to assist in the development of the Republic; and

WHEREAS, in previous years the Republic has developed a Coordinating Committee to work with the Civic Action Team in order to identify areas of need for the Republic and coordinate the implementation of Civic Action Team projects to address those areas of need; however, in previous years the Coordinating Committee has been assembled in an ad hoc fashion without due regard for national priorities of the Republic, without an overall plan, and lacking in direction; and

WHEREAS, the Republic needs to ensure that it has the appropriate mechanisms in place to more effectively and efficiently utilize the support of the Civil Action Team by working to align Civic Action Team projects with the national priorities of the Republic, alongside an overall plan that has direction and purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority set forth in the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic as vested in the President, I hereby order that:

- (a) A standing Civic Action Team Coordinating Committee is hereby created.
- (b) The Civic Action Team Coordinating Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - (1) Work closely with the Civic Action Team to identify the areas where the Civic Action Team will be able to provide support that is tailored to, and that complements, the national priorities and overall development plans of the Republic.
 - (2) Coordinate with the Civic Action Team and the relevant government agencies in order to ensure that Civic Action Team projects are carried out efficiently and effectively, with direction and purpose aligned with the national priorities of the Republic.

- (3) Report to the President at the beginning of each Civic Action Team rotation, at the midway point of each Civic Action Team Rotation, and at the end of each Civic Action Team rotation, regarding the status and progress of all Civic Action Team projects, including updates on projects that may be at the planning stage.
- (c) The membership of the standing Civic Action Team Coordinating Committee shall be as follows:
- (1) A representative from the Office of the President, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Committee.
 - (2) The Minister of Finance, or a designee of the Minister.
 - (3) The Minister of Justice, or a designee of the Minister.
 - (4) The Minister of Education, or a designee of the Minister.
 - (5) The Minister of Health, or a designee of the Minister.
 - (6) The Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce, or a designee of the Minister.
 - (7) The Executive Director of the Environmental Quality Protection Board, or a designee of the Director.
- (d) If there is a change in administration in the Executive Branch, then the current members of the standing Civic Action Team Coordinating Committee shall provide to the new members of the standing Civic Action Team Coordinating Committee a comprehensive report on all projects currently underway and all projects that are in the planning process with the Civic Action Team. The report required by this subsection shall be rendered not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the inauguration day for the new administration. The members of the standing Civic Action Coordinating Committee shall engage in a transition ceremony where the new standing members are introduced to the relevant contact persons for the Civic Action Team.

It is so ordered this March 24, 2014:

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