

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40
[repealed by Executive Order 141]
Establishment of Palau/Hawaii
Liaison Office

WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau in Section 7, Subsection (2), empowers the President of the Republic of Palau to conduct negotiations with foreign nations and to make treaties with the advice and consent of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII of said Constitution, in Section 7, Subsection (3), authorizes the President to appoint ambassadors and other national officers with the advice and consent of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, Article IX in Section 5, Subsection (8), requires approval of the presidential appointments by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau; and

WHEREAS, Article IX in Section 5, Subsection (9), empowers the Olbiil Era Kelulau to establish diplomatic immunities by legislation; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 7-8-8 in Section 5, empowers the President to establish by executive orders offices and agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic of Palau, and to prescribe duties, responsibilities and functions thereto to assist the President; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Public Law No. 7-8-8, in Section 6, President may appoint staff officers to serve within their respective offices or agencies; and

WHEREAS, Section VII of Executive Order No. 3 on the Organization of the Executive Branch provides for the establishment of independent (including temporary) governmental agencies which agencies need not be organized under Bureau or a Division of a given Department; and

WHEREAS, both Houses of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, during the Sixth Regular Session in April, 1982, adopted House Joint Resolution No. 1-0049-3S, requesting the President to establish Palau Liaison Offices in Washington, D.C., Honolulu, Guam etc.; and

WHEREAS, as an elected President of the Republic of Palau, it is incumbent upon me to organize the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic in such a fashion so as to protect the public interest and well-being; to ensure delivery of governmental services to the general public; to assure economic self-sufficiency and political stability; and to focus national efforts and to utilize national resources towards the building of a new nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional mandates and statutory

requirements, it is ordered that the Palau/Hawaii Liaison Office shall be and is hereby established hereunder as follows:

I. ESTABLISHMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

There shall be an office to be known as the “Palau/Hawaii Liaison Office” to be located in Honolulu, Hawaii, which shall also have responsibilities to carry out its powers and duties in the Western States of U.S. Mainland (State of California, State of Nevada, State of Oregon, and State of Washington) and shall be headed by “Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer” pursuant to the provisions of this Executive Order. The incumbent Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of Palau with the advice and consent of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, and who shall, upon confirmation, serve at the pleasure of the President. He may be removed from office for cause either by the President or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

II. POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Subject to budget allotment of this office, the Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer shall have the authority to employ professional, technical, secretarial and clerical assistants as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his office.
2. Responsible to the President through the Minister of State, the Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer shall submit monthly reports of the activities of his office and shall render an annual activities report to the President of the Republic in March each year.
3. He shall provide staff, administrative and logistical assistances to officials of the Government of the Republic of Palau who may be in Hawaii or the Western States of the United States Mainland on official business or who may be traveling through Hawaii to attend conferences or meetings elsewhere.
4. He shall also be responsible for making necessary arrangements for medical referral patients bound for Hawaii and beyond including expediting medical, appointments, logistics and airline reservations. In addition, he shall provide assistance for acquisition of supplies, equipments and materials that may be locally available, at the request of the Government of the Republic.
5. To the extent that his office staff capability permits, the Palau/Hawaii Liaison Office shall also provide assistance to the Palauan students on Hawaii or those traveling through Hawaii to attend schools elsewhere.
6. He shall in no wise bind or commit the Government of the Republic of Palau without specific authorization except matters pertinent and relevant to the daily

operation of the Palau/Hawaii Office.

III. ANNUAL SALARY, TRAVEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

The Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer shall be paid an annual salary of not less than \$25,000.00 which amount shall not be diminished during his tenure of office. In addition, thereto, he shall be entitled to receive each fiscal year expense allowance for official travel expenses at the standard Republic of Palau per diem rate, and for other official expenses, including office space rental, vehicles, supplies, and equipments, free housing or housing allowance and such other expenses as may be allowed in his office budget allocation.

IV. HOME LEAVE PRIVILEGE

The Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer and his family, if he is recruited from outside the State of Hawaii, shall be entitled to one paid round-trip from Hawaii to Palau once every two years in addition to his other travels on official business. For travels on home leave, he shall be entitled to receive the standard Republic of Palau per diem rates while on travel status. While on home leave in Palau, he shall not be entitled to per diem.

V. ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOTMENT

The annual budget allotment for the operation and contingent expenses of the Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer shall be such an amount as provided and appropriated as part of and within the Annual Unified Budget Act as enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

VI. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

In addition to monthly reports required for under Part II, Paragraph 2, of this Order, the Palau/Hawaii Liaison Officer shall submit to the President of the Republic of Palau a financial statement at the beginning of the second quarter (January) of each fiscal year which shall:

- 1) Provide for the full disclosure of all expenditures and obligations incurred by his Office and which indicates the financial status of his budget allocating;
- 2) Indicate the planned use, during the final quarter of the fiscal year, of funds then unobligated; and
- 3) Present the fiscal support requirements and narrative justifications for the budget allotment request for the ensuing fiscal year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder affixed my Official Seal this 11th day of July, 1986, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Lazarus E. Salii
President