

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55

### *Authorizing and Empowering the Ministry of National Resources to Act as the Grantee for All EPA Funded Construction Grants*

**WHEREAS**, the people of the Republic of Palau have established themselves as an independent sovereign nation and in so doing, have manifested their traditional right to be supreme in governing their islands of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the desire of the people of Palau to become completely self-governing, delegation of the duties and responsibilities from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to the Republic of Palau has been an ongoing goal; and

**WHEREAS**, formerly, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Government was charged with the responsibility to direct and control the use of EPA grant funds expended on construction projects with the Republic of Palau acting as sub-grantee thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of the EPA and the Republic of Palau that the responsibility to direct and control the use of grant funds, in accordance with any conditions of the grant award by the EPA, be delegated from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Government to the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, the ROP Ministry of National Resources, under the Minister of National Resources, has the adequate technical and managerial capabilities to administer grant projects in accordance with EPA requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and appropriate that the ROP Ministry of National Resources, under the direction of the Minister of National Resources, assume the responsibility to direct and control the use of EPA grant funds expended on construction projects; provided however, that said Minister shall take no action to contractually obligate the Republic of Palau unless otherwise specifically authorized to do so in writing by the President of the Republic of Palau;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau by the Constitution and laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that the Ministry of National Resources, under the direction of the Minister of National Resources, is authorized to act as the grantee for all EPA construction grants.

This Executive Order takes effect immediately upon issuance and shall remain in force and effect unless otherwise superseded by subsequent order or rendered null and void by force of law enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1987, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Lazarus E. Salii  
President