

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56

*Setting Forth Dates for the Referendum on the Compact of Free Association;
Establishing Referendum Education Committee;
Authorizing Expenditures of Funds Relating Thereto; and
Prescribing the Referendum Ballot*

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau and the United states of America, through their respective representatives, signed on January 10, 1986 the Compact of Free Association and its related subsidiary agreements, subsequently amended by the United States of America and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has approved the Compact of Free Association and passed it into law and the President of the United States has signed the Compact of Free Association; and

WHEREAS, by RPPL 2-27 the Olbiil Era Kelulau has called for another referendum on the Compact of Free Association and RPPL 2-27 became law on May 6, 1987; and

WHEREAS, RPPL 2-27 authorizes the President of the Republic of Palau to set a date for a referendum on the Compact and its subsidiary agreements by Executive Order, such referendum to be held no later than June 30, 1987;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I do hereby proclaim and order that:

1. The referendum on the Compact of Free Association and its subsidiary agreements shall be held on Tuesday, June 23, 1987 and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of RPPL 2-27.
2. There is hereby established a referendum commission under the direction of the Minister of State who shall be the referendum commissioner. The commissioner shall establish the duties of the commission and is authorized to conduct the election in accordance with applicable laws of the Republic of Palau.
3. There is established a political education committee consisting of five members whose duties and responsibilities are generally defined by Section 2(23) of RPPL 2-27, and whose term shall commence with the date of their appointment and shall serve until the date of the referendum.
4. The plebiscite ballot shall read as stated in RPPL 2-27 .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my seal this 22nd day of May, 1987, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

[signed by Thomas O. Remengesau, VP]

Lazarus E. Salii
President
Republic of Palau