

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60

*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 governments of the United States and the Republic of Palau have signed the Compact of Free Association; and

WHEREAS, by RPPL No. 2-30, the Olbiil Era Kelulau has called for another referendum on the Compact of Free Association and RPPL No. 2-30 became law on July 19, 1987; and

WHEREAS, RPPL No. 2-30 has been brought into question on the issue of its constitutionality and the lawfulness of the Constitutional Amendment sought thereunder; and

WHEREAS, in view of the financial constraints imposed on the Republic of Palau it is in the best interests of the general public that the referendum be held as soon as possible;

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

1. The referendum on the Compact of Free Association and its subsidiary agreements be held on Friday, August 21, 1987 within the Republic of Palau and without the Republic on such days to be determined by the Referendum Commissioner or his Representative not later than August 21, 1987, and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of RPPL No. 2-30 and the election laws of the Republic of Palau applicable to this referendum;
2. There is hereby established a referendum commission, under the direction of Daiziro Nakamura whom I hereby designate as 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. The Director of the National Treasury is hereby authorized to reprogram up to \$50,000.00 from the National Treasury, to be administered by the Compact Referendum Commissioner for the purpose of funding the Compact Referendum.

4. The plebiscite ballots shall be worded as follows:

“Place an ‘x’ or other mark in one box.

DO YOU APPROVE FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AS SET FORTH IN THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION SIGNED ON JANUARY 10, 1986, INCLUSIVE OF ITS SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, EXPRESSLY APPROVING THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT, INCLUDING ITS SECTION 324, WHEREBY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CARRYING OUT ITS SECURITY AND DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, HAS THE RIGHT TO OPERATE NUCLEAR CAPABLE OR NUCLEAR PROPELLED VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF PALAU?

YES

NO

There shall be no other question or issue on the ballot. The ballot shall be printed in English or Palauan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of August, 1987, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Lazarus E. Salii
President