

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 11-82

Re: Plebiscite on the Compact of Free Association in the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau requires approval by not less than two thirds (2/3) of the members of each house of the Olbiil Era Kelulau and ratification by a majority of votes cast in a nationwide plebiscite on a treaty, compact or agreement which delegates major governmental powers of the Republic of Palau to another foreign country; and

WHEREAS, said Article II, Section 3 and Article XII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau require approval by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of votes cast in a nationwide referendum on an agreement which authorizes use, testing, storage, disposal of nuclear, toxic chemical, gas or biological weapons intended for warfare in the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, Title Four, Article I, Section 411 and 412 of the Compact of Free Association provide for approval of said Compact of Free Association by a majority vote in a plebiscite to be conducted in the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the Compact of Free Association, along with its subsidiary agreements, has been duly executed by and between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, RPPL No. 1-43 provides for the conduct of a plebiscite on the Compact of Free Association and authorizes the President of the Republic of Palau to designate and set the date for said plebiscite by proclamation;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby proclaim that a nationwide plebiscite on the Compact of Free Association shall be held on Tuesday, January 11, 1983, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. under the auspices and supervision of the Plebiscite Commission.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 26th day of November, 1982.

/s/

Haruo I. Remeliik
President of the Republic of Palau