

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 34-86

Certifying Official Results of the Plebiscite on the Improved Compact of Free Association
Held on February 21, 1986

WHEREAS, the Second Olbiil Era Kelulau on January 23, 1986, unanimously approved the new Improved Compact of Free Association by enacting Republic of Palau Public Law (RPPL No. 2-14) established a Political Education Committee to conduct public education programs on the Compact; and designating the President of the Republic of Palau or his designee as the Plebiscite Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, said RPPL No. 2-14, while designating February 21, 1986, authorized the Plebiscite Commissioner to establish polling places outside Palau and to declare plebiscite days therein different than February 21, 1986; and

WHEREAS, plebiscite on the Compact of Free Association, duly observed by the United Nations Observer Mission, was held on Friday, February 21, 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Plebiscite Board, in compliance with the “Rules and Regulations for the Plebiscite on the Compact of Free Association”, has completed the counting and tabulating of all votes cast in the plebiscite, and I have examined said tabulation so prepared;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Plebiscite Commissioner under RPPL No. 2-14, and as the President of the Republic of Palau, I, Lazarus E. Salii, do hereby proclaim and certify that:

1. The total number of registered voters is 9,905.
2. The total number of valid votes cast was 7,036 or 71%.
3. The total number of votes cast in favor of the Improved Compact of Free Association was 5,065 or 72%.
4. The total number of votes cast in opposition to the ratification of the new Improved Compact of Free Association was 1,957 or 28%.
5. The total of invalid, void or rejected votes cast was. . 31

SO PROCLAIMED AND CERTIFIED this 24th day of February 24, 1986 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/
Lazarus E. Salii
President of the Republic of Palau