

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To respectfully request President of the Republic Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. to create a task force to formulate plans for the relocation of the jail and all related facilities within the next three years.

1 **WHEREAS**, the jail for the Republic of Palau sits in the heart of Koror and poses
2 a great danger to businesses, government offices, schools, residential homes and the
3 general public safety and security; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the jail is currently overcrowded with inmates; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the facilities at the jail are deteriorated, inadequate and an eyesore;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, a recent oversight hearing attended by member of the Olbiil Era
8 Kelulau with the Ministry of Justice revealed that a major rehabilitation is a must and
9 urgently needed; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a new jail facility should be self-sustained by promoting an
11 agricultural and fishing program, and other work programs to reduce expenses; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a new jail facility should be equipped with the means to promote
13 vocational training and other skills for use after incarceration; NOW, THEREFORE,

14 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Delegates of the Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau,
15 Second Regular Session, April 2013, with the Senate concurring, that the Olbiil Era
16 Kelulau hereby respectfully urges His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President
17 of the Republic of Palau to relocate the jail in Koror and all related facilities to a new
18 location within the next three years; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this House Joint
20 Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the
21 Republic of Palau; the Honorable Antonio Bells, Vice President of the Republic of Palau
22 and Minister of Justice; Paramount High Chief Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons; Honorable
23 Yositaka Adachi, Governor of Koror State; the Honorable Camsek E. Chin, President of
24 the Senate; and the Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the House of Delegates of the
25 Ninth Olbiil Era Kelulau.

ADOPTED: August 12, 2013

AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:

_____/s/
Sabino Anastacio
Speaker, House of Delegates

_____/s/
Camsek E. Chin
President of the Senate

_____/s/
Marcello Ngirkelau
Acting Clerk, House of Delegates

_____/s/
Ann L. Pedro
Clerk of the Senate