

Presidential Directive No. 09-07

*Appointing Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism as
Non-voting, Ex-officio Member of Palau Visitor Authority (PVA)*

WHEREAS, the “**Tourism Reorganization Act of 1982**” RPPL No. 1-41 (28 PNC 502-514) in establishing the **Palau Visitor Authority (PVA)** in 1982 mandated it to serve as the arm of the government to implement tourism industry policy as follows:

“It is hereby declared the policy of the government of the Republic of Palau to promote and encourage the development of a visitor industry in Palau and to make it a responsibility of all visitor-oriented government and quasi-government agencies to assist and participate in the implementation of this policy”, and

WHEREAS, a *Palau Visitor Authority Fund* was created by RPPL No. 3-3(1) as a special fund segregated from other funds of the Palau National Treasury to which seventy percent (70%) of revenues derived from departure taxes (40 PNC 140(a)) has been deposited, subject to annual appropriation by the Olbiil Era Kelulau and subject to the sole control of the Board of Directors of PVA, and

WHEREAS, throughout its existence over the years, the Authority has carried out its functions, duties, responsibilities and programs as a semi-autonomous statutory entity under the auspices and direct guidance of PVA Board of Directors whose appointments are confirmed by the Senate of the Olbiil Era Kelulau, and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2008 House Bill No. 7-51 was approved into RPPL No. 7-43 dissolving the then Ministry of Trade and Commerce and restructuring the former Ministry of Resources and Development into: (a) *Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industry and Commerce* and (b) *Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism*;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, laws, rules and regulations of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby directed that incumbent Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism, the Honorable Harry R. Fritz, is appointed to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board of Directors of Palau Visitor Authority and that his appointment remains in effect until otherwise rescinded or revoked by subsequent presidential directive or executive order as the case may be.

DIRECTED this 2nd day of September, 2009, at Ngerulmud Capitol District, Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong