

AIMELIIK STATE CONSTITUTION

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Preamble

We, the people of Aimeliik,
relying upon our traditional heritage,
the providence of our ancestors
and our traditional sovereignty,
do hereby reaffirm our conviction
to honor the precepts of traditional leadership,
emulate the dedication of our forebears,
and to preserve the freedoms
and fundamental rights of individuals
by establishing this constitution
thereby harboring our dignity and legacy.

Solemnly cognizant and mindful
of the well-being of our posterity,
we, the people of the respective hamlets of Aimeliik,
hereby join together to promulgate this constitution
and to pledge in our hearts
to bear the responsibilities of the government of this state
through mutual cooperation and unity,
and to continue to live together in peace
now and forever.

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ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS

SECTION 1. THE STATE OF AIMELIIK HONORS AND RECOGNIZES THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS OF ITS HAMLETS PURSUANT TO CUSTOM AND TRADITION THE PARAMOUNT TRADITIONAL CHIEF OF AIMELIIK IS RENGULBAI THE HAMLETS OF AIMELIIK AND THEIR TRADITIONAL COUNCILS OF CHIEFS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE RANKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NGARKEAI OF NGERKEAI

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| I. RENGULBAI | VI. RECHULDAK |
| II. REBES (NGIREBLEKUU) | VII. SECHARMIDAL |
| III. RURCHERUDEL | VIII. ARBECHANG |
| IV. RENGECHEI | IX. NGIRAICHEREI |
| V. ERBAI | X. ELID |

B. NGARAILECHERKEI OF IMUL

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| I. SECHARRAIMUL | VI. DINGILIUS |
| II. RECHEKEMUR | VII. OSECHAD ER A
REKONG |
| III. OLIKONG | VIII. MKEKERNGAB |
| IV. ERECHUR | IX. MESEB |
| V. OSECHAD RA DELEB | X. TMIRNGAKL |

C. NGARACHISAU OF ELECHUI

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| I. REBLUUD | VI. BITALLUREI |
| II. RCHEDIOUL | VII. RKODOLL |
| III. MELUAT | VIII. KSUALL |
| IV. IBAU | IX. IYECHAD RA BEDUI |
| V. NGIRAULAU | X. MAD RA IKEKANG |

D. NGARATULAU OF NGCHEMIANGEL

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| I. IDOLODAOL | VI. BUIK MELACHELBELUU
(KEKEREL MELACHELBELUU) |
| II. MELACHELBELU | VII. NGIRMIL |
| III. NGIRAWAUCH | VIII. UREBAU |
| IV. UBAI (DIANGEL) | IX. UCHEL |
| V. IYAR | X. NGIRCHELUI |

E. RUCHEL OF MEDORM

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| I. UCHEL | VI. IBEDUL |
| II. NGIRABEKUU | VII. TURBUR |
| III. UCHERMELEKL | VIII. REMARK |
| IV. NGETELTANG | IX. NGIRKUNGIIL
(KRUKKUNGIL) |
| V. KREKRUII | X. ONGEAI |

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SECTION 2. THE TRADITIONAL CHIEF AND THE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL OF CHIEFS OF EACH HAMLET OF AIMELIIK SHALL CONTINUE TO RETAIN THEIR AUTHORITY TO GOVERN THEIR TERRITORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CUSTOM AND TRADITION, SUBJECT TO THE LAWS AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

ARTICLE II

AIMELIIK STATE BOUNDARIES

SECTION 1. THE STATE OF AIMELIIK CONSIST OF THE HAMLETS OF NGERKEAI, IMUL, ELECHUI, NGCHEMIANGEL, MEDORM AND ALL THE OTHER HISTORICALLY RECOGNIZED HAMLETS OF AIMELIIK THE NUMBER OF HAMLETS OF AIMELIIK MAY BE INCREASED PURSUANT TO LAW BUT IN NO CASE DECREASED.

SECTION 2. THE TERRITORIAL AND MARINE BOUNDARIES OF AIMELIIK ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY RECOGNIZED IN AIMELIIK SINCE ANCIENT TIMES SUBJECT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

SECTION 3. THE BOUNDARIES OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK MAY BE MORE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED BY LAW OR INTER-STATE AGREEMENT IN THE EVENT OF DISPUTE WITH ANY NEIGHBORING STATE.

ARTICLE III

STATE COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS

SECTION 1. THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS SHALL CONSIST OF SIX (6) MEMBERS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE:

RENGULBAI AND REBES REPRESENTING NGARKEAI; SECHARAIMUL REPRESENTING NGARAILECHERKEI REBLUUD REPRESENTING NGARACHISAU, IDOLODAOL REPRESENTING NGARATULAU; AND UCHEL REPRESENTING RUCHEL.

SECTION 2. THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS SHALL DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATION OF ITS MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOGNIZED CUSTOM AND TRADITION.

SECTION 3. THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS SHALL RETAIN ITS TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR, THE FOLLOWING:

(a) TO STRENGTHEN PRESERVE AND IMPLEMENT THE TRADITIONAL

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LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF AIMELIIK AND TO ENSURE THAT SUCH TRADITIONAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE STATUTES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

(b) TO ADMINISTER, MANAGE AND REGULATE THE USE AND DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY LANDS IN THE STATE OF AIMELIIK INCLUDING ITS REEFS AND TERRITORIAL WATERS WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS OF THE HAMLET WHEREIN SUCH LANDS ARE LOCATED FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY LANDS MAY NOT BE ALIENATED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

(c) TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INTRODUCE BILLS AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TN THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE.

(d) TO BE PARTICULARLY RESPONSIBLE TO ASSIST THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK WITH RESPECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND EXECUTION OF LAWS.

SECTION 4. THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS MAY CONVENE AT ANY TIME UPON THE CALL OF RENGULBAI OR UPON THE CALL OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 5. THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS SHALL BE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

SECTION 6. IN EVENT A MEMBER OF THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS IS ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATURE OR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, AN INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE APPOINTED TO ACT IN HIS STEAD WITH FULL AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CUSTOMARY AND THE TRADITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MOROLEL.

ARTICLE IV

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. ALL LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY IS VESTED IN THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF NINE (9) MEMBERS, FOUR (4) OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE WITH EACH OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED ONE (1) FROM EACH HAMLET BY POPULAR VOTE A MEMBER OF AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS.

SECTION 2 NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE IF HE OR SHE (a) IS NOT A PERSON OF AIMELIIK;

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(b) IS LESS THAN THIRTY (30) YEARS OF AGE; (c) HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF AIMELIIK STATE FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN FIVE (5) YEARS; OR (d) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR IS ON PROBATION OR IN CUSTODY AT THE TIME OF THE ELECTION.

SECTION 3. IN THE EVENT A SEAT IN THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE BECOMES VACANT AND MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS REMAINS IN THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THAT SEAT, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK SHALL CONDUCT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL SUCH SEAT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE VACANCY.

SECTION 4. THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW. PROVIDED THAT COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS MAY NOT BE INCREASED FOR A CURRENT TERM.

SECTION 5. NO MEMBER OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE MAY BE EMPLOYED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO CARRY OUT THE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE AIMELIIK STATE GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 6. NO MEMBER OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE MAY BE QUESTIONED FOR STATEMENTS MADE DURING A SESSION OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE NOR MAY A MEMBER BE SUBJECT TO ARREST WHILE ATTENDING, GOING TO, OR RETURNING FROM A SESSION OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE FOR ANY CRIME WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FELONY OR DISTURBING THE PEACE.

SECTION 7. THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL BY A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS CONSTITUTION WHICH ARE BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO BE HEARD A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM TO TRANSACT BUSINESS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF LESS THAN A QUORUM IS PRESENT THE LEGISLATURE MAY ADJOURN AND COMPEL ATTENDANCE OF ABSENT MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE.

SECTION 8. THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS AND MAY CENSURE OR REMOVE A MEMBER BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS MEMBERS.

SECTION 9 THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE ARE PRESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

(a) TO IMPOSE AND COLLECT TAXES BY LAW;

(b) TO REGULATE THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE STATE OF

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(c) TO APPROVE GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS FOR MAJOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS BY A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS;

(d) TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HAMLETS IN AIMELIIK STATE BY LAW AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS;

(e) TO IMPEACH THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK BY A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF ITS MEMBERS IN THE EVENT THE GOVERNOR IS FOUND GUILTY OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: FELONY, MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS OR ANY OTHER WRONG-DOING AGAINST THE STATE OF AIMELIIK..

SECTION 10. THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE MAY ONLY ENACT LEGISLATION THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND PASSAGE THEREOF BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT IN TWO (2) READINGS CONDUCTED ON TWO (2) SEPARATE DAYS EVERY BILL SHALL BEGIN WITH THE FOLLOWING ENACTING CLAUSE "THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK, ACTING THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE, DO HEREBY ENACT AS FOLLOWS:"

SECTION 11. FOR A BILL TO BECOME LAW IT MUST BE PASSED BY THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE, APPROVED BY THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS AND TRANSMITTED TO AND APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR; HOWEVER, APPROPRIATION BILLS SHALL NOT REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE AIMELIIK STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS IN THE EVENT THE GOVERNOR DISAPPROVES A BILL, HE SHALL RETURN THE BILL TO THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS FOLLOWING HIS RECEIPT THEREOF TOGETHER WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT INDICATING THE REASON OR REASONS FOR HIS DISAPPROVAL THE GOVERNOR MAY REDUCE OR VETG AN ITEM OF AN APPROPRIATION BILL WHILE APPROVING AND SIGNING THE REMAINDER OF THE BILL INTO LAW, PROVIDED THAT HE RETURNS THE BILL TOGETHER WITH AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE ITEMS WERE REDUCED OR VETOED IN THE EVENT THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT APPROVE A BILL OR REDUCE OR VETO A PART OF A BILL OR RETURN A BILL WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT THEREOF, SUCH BILL SHALL BECOME LAW AS IF APPROVED THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE MAY RECONSIDER A BILL RETURNED BY THE GOVERNOR WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER ITS RETURN; IF THE LEGISLATURE PASSES A RETURNED BILL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF ITS MEMBERS, SUCH BILL SHALL THEREUPON BECOME LAW THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT DISAPPROVE OR RETURN THE SAME BILL MORE THAN ONCE.

SECTION 12. THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL CONVENE IN A PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO LAW FOLLOWING AN ELECTION, AND THEREAFTER MUST CONVENE AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. A SPECIAL SESSION

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OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE MAY BE CONVENED BY ITS PRESIDING OFFICER OR THE GOVERNOR.

SECTION 13 THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE, DURING THE FIRST SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, QUALIFICATION AND SWEARING-IN OF ITS MEMBERS, SHALL SELECT OFFICERS PURSUANT TO ADOPTED RULES OF PROCEDURE.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. ALL INHERENT AND NECESSARY EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE VESTED IN THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE ELECTED BY A POPULAR VOTE IN A STATE-WIDE ELECTION FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS. NO PERSON MAY BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

SECTION 2. NO PERSON MAY BE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK IF HE OR SHE (a) IS NOT A PERSON OF AIMELIIK STATE, (b) IS LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE, (c) HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK FOR LESS THAN FIVE (5) YEARS; (d) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR IS ON PROBATION OR IN CUSTODY AT THE TIME OF THE ELECTION; OR (e) IS EMPLOYED IN A PUBLIC OFFICE WITHIN THE STATE OF AIMELIIK.

SECTION 3. THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL BY LAW ESTABLISH THE METHOD AND MANNER OF SUCCESSION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR IN THE EVENT SUCH OFFICE BECOMES VACANT; PROVIDED THAT IN THE EVENT THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BECOMES VACANT BEFORE THE METHOD AND MANNER OF SUCCESSION ARE ESTABLISHED, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL SUCCEED TO THAT OFFICE.

SECTION 4. THE COMPENSATION OF THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE AS PROVIDED BY LAW, WHICH COMPENSATION SHALL NEITHER BE INCREASED NOR DECREASED DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY OTHER COMPENSATION FOR ANY OTHER PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE STATE OF AIMELIIK WHILE IN OFFICE.

SECTION 5. THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE ALL THOSE WHICH ARE INHERENT IN THE OFFICE OF A STATE GOVERNOR AND THE FOLLOWING:

(a) TO EXECUTE, ENFORCE AND IMPLEMENT THE LAWS OF THE STATE AND HAMLETS OF AIMELIIK AND THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU;

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(b) TO APPOINT HEADS OF MAJOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATURE;

(c) TO REPRESENT THE STATE OF AIMELIIK IN DEALINGS BETWEEN THE STATE OF AIMELIIK AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU OR ANY LEGAL ENTITY OR GOVERNMENT WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU;

(d) TO CARRY OUT AND IMPLEMENT ALL DECISIONS OR AGREEMENTS MADE BY THE LEGISLATURE AND REFERRED TO THE GOVERNOR;

(e) TO INTRODUCE BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE;

(f) TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE LEGISLATURE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR A FINANCIAL STATEMENT INDICATING REVENUES DERIVED AND EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE STATE OF AIMELIIK;

(g) TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE STATE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS INDICATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

(h) TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR BY THE LEGISLATURE; AND

(i) TO LEVY AND COLLECT TAXES PURSUANT TO LAW.

ARTICLE VI

PEOPLE OF AIMELIIK

A PERSON OF AIMELIIK MUST BE A CITIZEN OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU WITH A PARENT WHO BY BIRTH OR TRADITION IS A MEMBER OF A CLAN OR LINEAGE WITHIN AIMELIIK AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ARTICLE VII

SUPREMACY

THIS CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK SHALL BE THE SUPREME LAW OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK SUBJECT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

ARTICLE VIII

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SUFFRAGE

A PERSON OF AIMELIIK WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A NATIONAL ELECTION IN THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU AND WHOSE RESIDENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIMELIIK STATE ELECTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY AIMELIIK STATE LAW IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN AIMELIIK.

ARTICLE IX

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

A PERSON OF AIMELIIK STATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AND ENJOY THE SAME RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND FREEDOMS GUARANTEED TO INDIVIDUALS BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

ARTICLE X

TREASURY

SECTION 1. THERE SHALL BE A STATE TREASURY OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK INTO WHICH ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM TAXES OR OTHER SOURCES SHALL BE DEPOSITED. NO FUNDS MAY BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE STATE TREASURY EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

SECTION 2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO BORROW MONEY OR INVEST PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO LAW.

ARTICLE XI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. THE PALAUAN AND ENGLISH VERSIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION ARE EQUALLY AUTHORITATIVE; IN CASE OF CONFLICT THE PALAUAN VERSION SHALL BE CONTROLLING.

SECTION 2. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK MAY ENACT, AMEND OR REPEAL STATE LAWS, EXCEPT APPROPRIATION LAWS, BY INITIATIVE PURSUANT TO LAW

SECTION 3. A LAW ENACTED OR REPEALED BY INITIATIVE MAY NOT BE REPEALED OR REENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE EXCEPT BY A SUBSEQUENT INITIATIVE.

SECTION 4. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK SHALL

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HAVE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO MEET THE PUBLIC NEEDS OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE PROPOSED BY AN AIMELIIK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. BY THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE OR BY A PETITION OF THE VOTERS OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK BY EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

(a) FOUR (4) YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CONSTITUTION, THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE, IF IT SO DETERMINES, SHALL SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK THE FOLLOWING QUESTION "DO YOU WISH THAT THERE BE HELD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING OR RECTIFYING THE AIMELIIK STATE CONSTITUTION?" IF MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VOTES IN THE REFERENDUM ARE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THEN IN SUCH EVENT A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO AMEND OR RECTIFY THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE CONVENED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE AFORESAID REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO LAW.

(b) FOUR (4) YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CONSTITUTION, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK MAY, BY THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OR MORE OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE OF AIMELIIK, PETITION THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE TO HAVE THIS CONSTITUTION AMENDED; THEREUPON, THE AIMELIIK STATE LEGISLATURE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS IN THE NEXT REGULAR AIMELIIK STATE ELECTION THE FOLLOWING QUESTION "DO YOU WISH THAT THERE BE HELD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING OR RECTIFYING THE AIMELIIK STATE CONSTITUTION?" IF MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VOTES CAST IN THE REFERENDUM ARE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THEN IN SUCH EVENT A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO AMEND OR RECTIFY THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE CONVENED WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF THE AFORESAID REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO LAW.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION MUST BE RATIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTES CAST IN A REFERENDUM CALLED FOR THAT PURPOSES.

ARTICLE XIII

TRANSITION

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