

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend Title 19 of the Palau National Code to add a new Chapter 5 which shall be known as the “Hall of Fame Act”, and for other related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIIIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1. Legislative findings.**
- 2 **The Olbiil Era Kelulau finds that the Republic of Palau is the home of many**
- 3 **outstanding talents and personalities. In various fields, such as sports, arts,**
- 4 **literature and music, the achievements of Palauan citizens reflect the proud and**
- 5 **flourishing culture of the Republic. The Olbiil Era Kelulau recognizes the need to**
- 6 **honor contributions in the aforementioned fields and finds that cultural**
- 7 **achievements contribute significantly in shaping the way the Republic of Palau is**
- 8 **perceived, within itself as well as abroad. The Olbiil Era Kelulau therefore finds it**
- 9 **appropriate to create a “Hall of Fame” within the National Museum of Palau, in**
- 10 **which outstanding personalities of sports, arts, literature and music shall be**
- 11 **honored and through which the Republic expresses its respect for the great**
- 12 **achievements of those individuals.**
- 13 **Section 2. Amendment. Amend Title 19 of the Palau National Code to add a new**
- 14 **Chapter 5 as follows:**
- 15 **“§ 501. Short Title.**
- 16 **This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Hall of Fame Act”.**
- 17 **§ 502. Definitions.**
- 18 **(a) “Extraordinary achievements” means achievements that contribute to the**
- 19 **advancement of the respective field as well as to the positive perception of the**
- 20 **Republic of Palau within the Republic and abroad.**
- 21 **(b) “Hall of Fame” means a designated space within the Palau Museum which shall**
- 22 **contain trophies or memories honoring individuals for their extraordinary**
- 23 **achievements.**
- 24 **(c) “Palau Museum” means the museum created pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 19**
- 25 **of the Palau National Code.**

1 **§ 503. Hall of Fame.**

2 There is hereby created a “Hall of Fame” within the Palau Museum.

3 **§ 504. Hall of Fame Board**

4 **(a) There is hereby established a “Hall of Fame Board” consisting of five (5)**
5 **members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.**
6 **Appointments shall be made for a term of three (3) years, provided that prior**
7 **membership on the Hall of Fame Board shall not constitute disqualification for**
8 **reappointment. Any vacancy on the Hall of Fame Board shall be filled for the**
9 **remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original**
10 **appointment. Members of the Hall of Fame Board shall serve without**
11 **compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses,**
12 **necessary for the performance of their duties. Members of the Hall of Fame**
13 **Board serve at the will of the President.**

14 **(b) The Hall of Fame Board shall select from among its members a**
15 **chairman. Three (3) members of the Hall of Fame Board shall constitute a**
16 **quorum for carrying out the business of the Board.**

17 **(c) The Hall of Fame Board shall hold regular meetings every twelve (12) months**
18 **and shall hold special meetings when called by the chairman or the President.**

19 **(d) The Division of Cultural Affairs shall render all necessary technical assistance**
20 **required by the Hall of Fame Board in fulfilling its duties.**

21 **§ 505. Powers and Duties of the Hall of Fame Board.**

22 **The Hall of Fame Board shall:**

23 **(a) Designate individuals to be honored in the Hall of Fame.**

24 **(b) Establish policies and criteria to be used by the Hall of Fame Board in**
25 **designating individuals not inconsistent with this Act.**

26 **§ 506. Designation of Individuals.**

27 **The individuals designated by the Hall of Fame Board shall be:**

28 **(a) citizens of the Republic of Palau**

29 **(b) chosen to be honored due to their extraordinary achievements in the field of**

1 **sports, arts, literature or music.**
2 **§ 507. Palau Museum.**
3 **After the designation of individuals, the Palau Museum shall display material**
4 **honoring the designated individual.**
5 **§ 508. Funding.**
6 **Funding for the Hall of Fame shall come from within the general budget of the**
7 **Palau Museum.**
8 **§ 509. Rules and Regulations.**
9 **The Hall of Fame Board shall promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with**
10 **this Act and shall coordinate its efforts with the Palau Museum.”**
11 **Section 3. Effective date.**
12 **This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President of the Republic of**
13 **Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval.**

PASSED: July 16, 2014

Approved this 23rd day of July, 2014

/s/
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President of the Republic of Palau