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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 440

Extending the travel restrictions established by EO 436 and extended by EO 437

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has yet to enter the Republic of Palau, which has not identified a single case to date due to the dedicated efforts of our Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, and National Emergency Committee; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, which was first detected in the People's Republic of China, has now spread to many of the world's largest economies and tourism source markets; and

WHEREAS, while the absence of COVID-19 cases justifies the enjoyment of some normal activity within the Republic, our ongoing efforts to prevent and prepare for the entry of COVID-19 justify continued restriction of flights from the source country of this pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby order as follows:

Extension of Travel Restrictions and Requirements of EO 437. Any person, including a crew member, a Palauan citizen, or a Palau resident, arriving into Palau at any point of entry is required to complete a health declaration form and to submit to all testing and quarantine procedures as determined by the Minister of Health. The Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries, and Commerce (MPIIC) shall maintain temporary flight suspensions from Hong Kong, Macau, and mainland China to the Republic of Palau until June 30, 2020.

MPIIC shall continue, until June 30, 2020, to prohibit the entry of all travelers with travel history originating from or transiting through mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau within 14 days of their arrival in the Republic of Palau. Exemption may be made to this prohibition for Palauan citizens and residents, provided that such persons submit to a comprehensive health screening and 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Palau.

MPIIC shall continue to restrict the entry of cruise ships into any Palau port until June 30, 2020. No cruise ship shall be allowed to enter unless the captain submits satisfactory proof that it has not called in any COVID-19 affected area, and that none of its passengers originated from or transited through any affected area within 14 days of boarding the vessel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 29th day of April, 2020 at the National Capitol in Ngerulmyd, Republic of Palau.

Tonniy E. Remengesau, Jr. President of the Republic of Palau