IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

Re: Adoption of the Court Seals

ORDER ADOPTING OFFICIAL COURT SEALS AND USES

Pursuant to Article X, Section 14 of the Palau Constitution, which confers authority upon the Supreme Court to promulgate rules governing the administration of the courts, and 4 PNC § 106, which commands that each court shall have a seal to be kept in the custody of the Clerk of Courts, it is hereby ordered that the current interim official seal of the Palau Supreme Court, as well as the current seals being used by the Court of Common Pleas (COCP) and the Land Court are adopted as the permanent official seals. It is also ordered that a permanent seal of the entire Judiciary of the Republic of Palau be hereby adopted as the official seal for matters concerning the entire Judiciary.

The permanent official seals so adopted for the entire Judiciary and each of the courts are depicted below.



The Judiciary seal shall be used in matters, activities, and events that involve the entire Judiciary, such as instances where: a judge or justice is being sworn in, issuance of administrative rules and regulations, policies, guidelines, and press announcements and statements. Similarly, the Supreme Court seal shall only be used by the Trial and Appellate Divisions, the Land Court seal shall be used for matters within its jurisdiction, and the Court of Common Pleas seal shall be used for matters within that court's jurisdiction.

SO ORDERED this **3**/ **5**/ day of January 2023.

NGIRAIKELAU OLI

Chief Justice

JOHN K. RECHUCHER Associate Justice

FRED M. ISAACS Associate Justice

KATHLEEN M. SAI II Presiding Justice

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