IN THE JUDICIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

IN RE: POLICY ON ANIMALS IN JUDICIARY BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23-01

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Chief Justice under Article X, Section 12 of the Palau Constitution, the adoption of the following Judiciary policy on animals in all Judiciary buildings and vehicles is hereby ordered:

> Except for service dogs, no animal shall enter the interior of any court building, facility, or vehicle. For the purpose of this policy, an animal includes a dog, reptile, cat, bird, or any other living animal, and service dogs are dogs that are trained to do work or perform tasks for individuals with disabilities.

> Any person who attempts to enter a court building, facility, or vehicle with a prohibited animal under this policy shall be refused entry. Any animal found in the interior of any court building, facility, or vehicle must be removed.

> Any person who violates this policy shall be asked to exit the court building, facility, or vehicle and if the person refuses, they shall be removed by a court marshal.

The Marshal's Division shall enforce this policy.

This Policy is effective immediately and shall remain in effect unless amended or revoked.

SO ADOPTED AND ORDERED this and day of March, 2023.

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Chief Justice

Kenneth T Uvehara

Administrative Director