

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

To ratify the Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of the United States of America Resulting from the 2023 Compact of Free Association Section 432 review, including its four appendices.

1 **WHEREAS, Section 432 of the Compact of Free Association provides for review**
2 **of the relationship of the parties by stating as follows: “Upon the fifteenth and thirtieth**
3 **and fortieth anniversaries of the effective date of this Compact, the Government of the**
4 **United States and the Government of Palau shall formally review the terms of this**
5 **Compact and its related agreements and shall consider the overall nature and**
6 **development of their relationship. In these formal reviews, the governments shall**
7 **consider the operating requirements of the Government of Palau and its progress in**
8 **meeting the development objectives set forth in the plan referred to in Section**
9 **231(a). The governments commit themselves to take specific measures in relation to**
10 **the findings of conclusions resulting from the review. Any alteration to the terms of**
11 **this Compact or its related agreements shall be made by mutual agreement, the terms**
12 **of this Compact and its related agreements shall remain in force until otherwise**
13 **amended or terminated pursuant to Title Four of this Compact.”; and**

14 **WHEREAS, the Thirtieth Anniversary Review was conducted by teams**
15 **assembled by the Executive Branches of both Governments and these groups began**
16 **negotiation for the Thirtieth Anniversary Review in 2020; and**

17 **WHEREAS, Palau’s President Surangel Whipps Jr., issued Executive Order**
18 **447, which reconstituted the Compact Review Advisory Group and appointed Minister**
19 **Kaleb Udoi, Jr., as the Chief Representative for Palau; and**

20 **WHEREAS, following the urging of the Freely Associated States, United States**
21 **President Joseph Biden appointed Joseph Y. Yun as Special Presidential Envoy for**
22 **Compact Negotiations, who oversaw a “whole of government” approach to**
23 **negotiations on behalf of the United States; and**

24 **WHEREAS, the Agreement and its four Appendices, which grant the Republic**
25 **of Palau and its citizens broader access to U.S. federal programs, strengthen national**
26 **security, and provide increased economic assistance, were initialed on May 17, 2023, in**

1 the capitol of the Republic of Palau, Ngerulmud, and formally signed on May 23, 2023
2 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea by Palau's Chief Representative Kaleb Udoi, Jr.
3 and United States Special Presidential Envoy Joseph Y. Yun; and

4 WHEREAS, in exercise of its constitutional powers, as set forth in Article IX,
5 Section 5(7) of Constitution of the Republic of Palau, the Olbiil Era Kelulau ratifies the
6 Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of
7 the United States of America Resulting From the 2023 Compact of Free Association
8 Section 432 Review, including its four appendices; and

9 WHEREAS, the Palau National Congress (the Olbiil Era Kelulau) affirms its
10 support for the ratified Agreement, and concludes that it will strengthen both the
11 economic development of the Republic of Palau and the bonds of friendship and
12 partnership between the Republic of Palau and the United States of America; NOW,
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, with the House of Delegates concurring, that
15 pursuant to the Republic of Palau Constitution Article IX, Section 5(7), the Eleventh
16 Olbiil Era Kelulau hereby ratifies the Agreement Between the Government of the
17 Republic of Palau and the Government of the United States of America Resulting From
18 the 2023 Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, including its four
19 appendices; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Senate Joint
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Surangel Whipps, Jr., President of the
22 Republic of Palau; to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States
23 of America; to the Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives of the United States of America; to the Honorable Charles E. Schumer,
25 Majority Leader of the Senate of the United States of America; to the Honorable Mitch
26 McConnell, Minority Leader of the Senate of the United States of America; to the
27 Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives of the
28 United States of America; to the Honorable Gustav N. Aitaro, Minister of State of the
29 Republic of Palau; to the Honorable Antony Blinken, Secretary of State of the United
30 States of America; to the Honorable Hokkons Baules, President of the Senate of the

1 Eleventh Olbiil Era Kelulau; and to the Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the
2 House of Delegates of the Eleventh Olbiil Era Kelulau.

ADOPTED: July 11, 2023

AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:



**Hokkons Baules
President of the Senate**



**Sabino Anastacio
Speaker, House of Delegates**



**Ann Latii Pedro
Clerk of the Senate**



**Marcello Ngirkelau
Clerk, House of Delegates**