

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 Udui, 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 Udui, 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 Olbilil 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 Olbilil 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 Olbilil 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 Olbilil Era Kelulau; and to the Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the  
2 House of Delegates of the Eleventh Olbilil 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