

**AN ACT**

To authorize the Governor to promulgate rules and regulations for implementation and coordination of State and national recycling efforts, and for related purposes.

**THE PEOPLE OF KOROR REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF KOROR DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

The Eighth Koror State Legislature hereby finds that over the past several years, the national government and Koror State Government, along with the Government of Japan and the Japan International Cooperation Agency ("JICA"), have been working to develop and implement a National Solid Waste Management Plan, which includes the rehabilitation of the dumpsite at M Dock, and also includes the construction and operation of a sustainable Koror State Government solid waste recycling center. In conjunction with the National Solid Waste Management Plan, Koror State Government has received grant funding for the construction of a recycling center and for obtaining equipment for recycling efforts.

The national government has also adopted RPPL 7-24, a law to provide for recycling of beverage containers in the Republic of Palau, and is adopting Rules and Regulations for the implementation of recycling efforts under RPPL 7-24.

In order to aid in the implementation of the National Solid Waste Management Plan, RPPL 7-24 and regulations, and Koror State Government recycling efforts, it is in the best interests of the people of Koror to authorize the Governor to promulgate rules and regulations, with the force and effect of law, for the implementation and coordination of all such recycling efforts.

**SECTION 2. RECYCLING RULES AND REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED.**

A. The Governor is hereby authorized to issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation, coordination, and enforcement of recycling efforts in

the State of Koror. The scope of such rules and regulations may include matters under the National Solid Waste Management Plan, under RPPL 7-24 and rules and regulations

1           promulgated thereunder, under any applicable Koror State sanitation laws, and to adopt or  
2           implement any other recycling

1 efforts in the State of Koror. Such comprehensive regulations may include definitions,  
2 implementation of "3R" ("Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle") efforts, establishment of recycling  
3 requirements for homes, businesses, and government entities, solid waste collection  
4 activities and requirements, a permitting system for recycling, development and  
5 implementation of further solid waste management plans, public information programs and  
6 projects, enforcement efforts including penalties, and any incidental matters relating to  
7 recycling efforts. The regulations must be approved and adopted by the Legislature before  
8 becoming effective. Such rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law, and  
9 may be enforced in the courts of the Republic of Palau.

10 B. Upon the adoption of such rules and regulations by the Legislature, the Governor  
11 shall provide notice to the public about the nature, extent, and general content of the rules  
12 and regulations, and shall make such rules and regulations available for public inspection.  
13 The rules and regulations shall become effective ninety (90) days after the first day of such  
14 public notice, and all such public notices shall include the date that the regulations become  
15 effective and enforceable.

16 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

17 The provisions of this Act are severable. If any part or portion of this Act is held to  
18 be invalid or unenforceable, then the offending portions may be stricken and the remaining  
19 portions shall continue in full force and effect.

1           **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2           This Act shall become effective upon its becoming law of the State of Koror by  
3 operation of the Koror State constitution. The rules and regulations authorized by this Act  
4 shall become effective ninety (90) days after formal adoption by the Governor.

PASSED ON: DECEMBER 19, 2008

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

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Timothy "Tero" Uehara  
Speaker  
Eighth Koror State Legislature

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Pasquana Flowers  
Asst. Clerk  
Eighth Koror State Legislature

APPROVED ON THIS DAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OF January, 2008<sup>9</sup>

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Yositaka Adachi  
Governor  
State of Koror