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RPPL No. 6-8

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT RPPL No. 6-8
AN ACT

To authorize and appropriate the sum of \$4,000,000 to provide funding for the Republic of Palau's response to the damage caused by Tropical Storm Utor, and for other related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known as the "Tropical Storm Utor Emergency Funding Act."
Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to authorize and appropriate funds necessary for the immediate remedial action and repair of the roads and the water and sewer systems damaged by Tropical Storm Utor. On July 3, 2001; the President issued Executive Order No. 194 declaring a national state of emergency due to the damage caused to certain primary roads and water and sewer infrastructure due to Tropical Storm Utor, in accordance with Article VIII, Section 14 of the Constitution and other applicable provisions of law. On July 3, 2001, the Olbil Era Kelulau confirmed the state of emergency at a meeting called by the President in further accordance with Article VIII, Section 14. Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 14, during this national state of emergency, the President possesses emergency powers, including the temporary assumption of legislative powers as may be necessary to afford immediate and specific relief to those whose lives or property are threatened. The purpose of this Act is to afford immediate and specific relief to the citizens of Palau whose lives and property may be threatened by providing funding for the prompt procurement of goods, equipment and services that will permit the Republic to repair roads and water and sewer systems damaged by Tropical Storm Utor, thereby restoring these essential services as soon as possible and protecting public health, welfare and safety in the aftermath of the storm. In order to allow the

appropriate response and negotiation capabilities in reestablishing these essential services, sufficient funding has been made available out of both operational and capital categories.

Section 3. Operations. Repairs and Construction. The sum of \$4,000,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is appropriated for expenditure and obligation for the purpose of covering the procurement of goods, equipment and services and payment of required personnel costs related to those actions described in Section 2. The funds appropriated shall come from Compact Energy Production Investment Earnings, the Compact Capital Account, or Compact Capital Account Investment Earnings, or a combination of such accounts, at the discretion of the Minister of Administration. Funds herein appropriated shall be expended only to the extent that such expenditures are not funded by international grants designated to fund such emergency projects and such international grant funds become available for expenditure. Any international grant received to