TENTH KOROR STATE LEGISLATURE

KSPL No. <u>K/0 - 272 - 2014</u> (Intro. as L.B. No. <u>10-20</u>, LD1)

6th Day of 2nd Regular Session, September 25, 2014

AN ACT

To amend Koror State Public Law No. K6-101-99, Section 2(A), as amended by K6-118-01, by redesignating the boundaries of the Ngerumekaol Conservation Area; and for related purposes.

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

Section 1. Findings.

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The Tenth Koror State Legislature (the "Legislature") hereby finds that recent scientific research completed by Dr. Patrick Colin, PhD at the Coral Reef Research Foundation and Dr. Yvonne Sadovy, PhD, a professor at Hong Kong University, has shown that the Marine Protected Area known as Ngerumekaol Conservation Area and Ngerumekaol Spawning Area should be increased to protect some spawning sites that were not previously accounted for. Specifically, there is a spawning cite commonly known as "Sandy Paradise" which has been observed to have spawning aggregations of Kemedukl (commonly known as Bumphead parrotfish) and there is evidence to suggest that there is a spawning aggregation of Humphead Wrasse in this expanded area of the Ngerumekaol Conservation area. By increasing the southern boundaries of Ngerumekaol Conservation area this spawning area is protected.

Section 2. Amendment of section "2.A." of KSPL No. K6-101-99 to expand the Ngerumekaol Conservation Area. Section 2.A. of Koror State Public Law No. K6-101-99, as amended by K6-118-01, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- "A. There is hereby established the Ngerumekaol Conservation Area, which shall contain the reefs and waters within the area described as follows:
- (1) 7 degrees, 17.666 minutes north latitude, and 134 degrees, 15.400 minutes east longitude (northeast corner);
- (2) 7 degrees, 17.400 minutes north latitude, and 134 degrees, 14.483 minutes east longitude (northwest corner);
- (3) 7 degrees, 16.132 minutes-north latitude, and 134 degrees, 14.675 minutes east longitude (southwest corner);
- (4) 7 degrees, 16.196 minutes north latitude, and 134 degrees, 15.628 minutes east

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longitude (southeast corner);

longitude (eastern side); and

and the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

set forth above."

Section 3. Severability.

Section 4. Effective Date.

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PASSED:

OCTOBER 7, 2014

AS CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:

Eyos Rudimch, Speaker 10th Koror State Legislature

7 degrees, 17.300 minutes north latitude, and 134 degrees, 15.600 minutes east

The boundaries of the Ngerumekaol Conservation Area as described above is

fully set forth herein. The boundaries shall be marked with buoys, but the

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any part or portion of

this Act is invalid or otherwise unenforceable, then the offending part or portion may be stricken,

This Act shall be effective 30 days after its becoming law of the State of Koror by

operation of the Koror State Constitution to allow for public education and awareness.

shown on the map attached hereto, which is incorporated into this Act as though

absence of any buoy shall not affect the boundary as described by the coordinates

10th Koror State Legislature

Marie Anderson-Nabeyama, Clerk

APPROVED ON THIS

Yositaka Adachi

Governor

State of Koror

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