

**PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 09-11**  
**Declaring October 23, 2009 to January 30, 2010 as Red Ribbon Months**

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon week was initiated in the United States as a prevention and education initiative concerning the dangers of drugs and alcohol;

**WHEREAS**, the red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers;

**WHEREAS**, illicit drugs and alcohol use and abuse affects the brain and can lead to many problems;

**WHEREAS**, everyone in the community need to be involved in the campaign against the dangers of drugs and alcohol use and abuse;

**WHEREAS**, binge drinking (5 or more drinks in a short time) is the drinking pattern of those who can legally drink alcohol;

**WHEREAS**, binge drinking can lead to car crashes, violence and health problems;

**WHEREAS**, the public need to support the ongoing campaign against underage use and abuse of alcohol;

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Public Safety need the public support for prevention measures for a safe holiday season;

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Public Safety will be increasing surveillance and check points in the coming months to protect the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare October 23, 2009 to January 30, 2010 as Red Ribbon Months in Palau and urge everyone this month and throughout the year to take part in observance and activities designed to advance the cause of prevention and control of drugs and alcohol use and abuse.

**SO PROCLAIMED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2009 at Ngerulmud, Melekeok State, Republic of Palau.

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Johnson Toribiong  
President  
Republic of Palau