PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 01-05

Palau National Olympic Committee Day
(In Honor of Juan Antonio Samaranch)

WHEREAS, the Republic is greatly honored to welcome Juan Antonio Samaranch to the Republic of Palau, this 10th day of April, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch has spearheaded the world Olympic Movement as the President of the International Olympic Committee for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, during these years under Mr. Samaranch's leadership, international sports has taken on a new and expanded role in the brotherhood of nations, through the successful completion of numerous Summer and Winter Olympic Games held throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, during this period of able leadership by Mr. Samaranch, the involvement of small nations in the Olympic Games and in the international sports arena has greatly expanded, thereby further enhancing global recognition of the rights of all people and all states to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, in addition to expanding the membership of small nations in the Olympic community, Mr. Samaranch has also supported significant funding to these small nations in order that they might effectively participate in the world sporting community through the expansion of domestic sporting programs; and

WHEREAS, the process of expansion of sports at the international and national level is nowhere better exhibited than in the Republic of Palau, which, on June 6, 1999, became the 200th member of the International Olympic Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., as President of the Republic of Palau, in honor of the dedication shown by Mr. Samaranch to the Olympic Movement and to his support of Palau in its successful IOC membership effort, and in recognition of his presence here today, in Koror, Palau, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2001 to be Palau National Olympic Committee Day (In Honor of Juan Antonio Samaranch).

SO PROCLAIMED this __10th__ day of April 2001 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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/s/
Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau