

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO.01-09

Declaring the Month of September National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

WHEREAS, in the past 20 years, medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and

WHEREAS, during this period of time, it has been learned that addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders; and

WHEREAS, treatment for addiction to drugs and alcohol is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, substance use and addiction result in huge societal and economic costs to the people of the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, Palau's continued modernization and expanded contact with other nations and other People increases the dangers to its own Citizens from alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, the Republic has made great strides in recognizing the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and in further recognizing the need to establish programs that combat this societal problem; and

WHEREAS, Palau still has too many people using and abusing drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, and treatment issues; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the worldwide campaign to promote the benefits of substance abuse treatment and to embrace the 2001 theme: "*We Recover Together: Family, Friends and Community*",

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim the Month of September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

SO PROCLAIMED this 29th day of August, 2001 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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