

PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION NO, 01-16

Declaring December 24, 2001, as
A National Holiday

WHEREAS, events of this year make it more important than ever that individuals have the opportunity to gather with family and loved ones and share their support n for each other during this special holiday season; and

WHEREAS, such gatherings will often involve travel and other arrangements which would be difficult to complete in a single day of observation of the National Holiday of Christmas this year, and

WHEREAS, the National Holiday of Christmas falls on Tuesday this year; and

WHEREAS, it may be reasonably anticipated that the private business community could benefit from the potential additional commercial activity which would result from giving government employees an additional day to prepare for the Christmas Holiday,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted me by Section 701 (a) of Title I of the Palau National Code, I hereby declare that December 24, 2001, shall be a national holiday and further declare that all employees of the National Government will be placed on leave with pay on that date, except those whose duties and responsibilities must be carried out to ensure that essential public services shall remain uninterrupted as determined by each Ministry.

SO DECLARED THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001.

/s/

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