

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 01-98

Palau World Health Day 1998  
*Doltekau e Dongeluolu ra Klechedil*

WHEREAS, the health of all people is one true measure of a nation's commitment to social justice; and

WHEREAS, the health of the people in the Republic of Palau is linked to the health of people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, all nations of the world, acting through the World Health Organization, of which the Republic of Palau is an active member, are pledged to the goal of *HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000*; and

WHEREAS, all member states of the western Pacific region of World Health Organization, of which the Republic of Palau is an active member, are pledged to support and implement the conceptual framework *NEW HORIZONS IN HEALTH*, the main concerns of which are: *PREPARATION FOR LIFE, PROTECTION OF LIFE AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN LATER YEARS*; and

WHEREAS, all Pacific island nations have localized these concepts in their vision of *HEALTHY ISLANDS* as expressed in the *Yanaca Island Declaration* and further elaborated in the *Rarotonga Agreement* which describes health islands as places where *CHILDREN ARE NURTURED IN BODY AND MIND (AND SOUL), THE ENVIRONMENTS INVITE LEARNING AND LEISURE, PEOPLE WORK AND AGE WITH DIGNITY AND THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE*; and

WHEREAS, April 7 of each year has been established by the World Health Organization as World Health Day - an occasion to educate and inform in order to encourage increased community involvement, to focus on the unity of our concerns for a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, realizing that maternal morbidity and mortality are major concerns around the world and recognizing the importance of women and mothers for our future, has designated World Health Day 1998 to focus on improving maternal health; and

WHEREAS, the health of women and mothers has a significant impact on the health and well-being of their children and families, the communities and nations; and

WHEREAS, we in the Republic of Palau ascribe great importance to the role of women and mothers as gatekeepers of our traditions, culture and promoters of healthy Palau islands; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health, recognizing that infant morbidity and mortality are still health concerns in the Republic of Palau and that individual, community, national and global

collaboration is essential to supporting Safe Motherhood, is promoting the 1998 World Health Day theme in the Republic of Palau “Doltekau e Dongeluolu ra Klechedil”;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare April 7, 1998, as *WORLD HEALTH DAY IN PALAU* and urge all citizens and residents of Palau to take part in activities and observances designed to champion the health and safety of motherhood in Palau--by promoting awareness and support of the Palau theme “*Doltekau e Dongeluolu ra Klechedil*” and by encouraging participation in the worldwide efforts of World Health Day 1998 and by supporting the worldwide theme, *Invest in the Future: Support Safe Motherhood*.

SO PROCLAIMED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1998 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

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Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau