

Presidential Proclamation No. 01-99

Earth Day: A Healthy Environment is our Strength

WHEREAS, April 22nd is internationally recognized throughout the world as Earth Day to promote the conservation of the earth's resources and planetary environment;

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility as stewards of the earth and its environment to prevent excessive exploitation and depletion of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, our island environment is fragile and our livelihood depends on it; and

WHEREAS, sustainable development will assure healthy and improved lifestyles for Palauan citizens today and future generations tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Day is to proclaim a day upon which we will remind ourselves of the importance of taking care of the earth, conserving our natural resources and natural beauty for health and prosperity's sake;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau and in the interest of conserving Palau's natural resources for future generations, I hereby proclaim April 22, 1999 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau with activities coordinated by the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board, the Environmental Health and Sanitation, the Palau Visitors Authority and the 16 State Governments on April 5-22, 1999.

SO PROCLAIMED this 25th day of March 1999 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

for Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau