

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 02-00

Declaring January 26, 2000, "New Millennium World Peace Day"

WHEREAS, armed conflict in any form and at every level within and among nations is inherently destabilizing; and

WHEREAS, such conflict inflicts unacceptable casualties among civilian populations; and

WHEREAS, such conflict erodes basic human rights and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, such conflict degrades the environment; and

WHEREAS, such conflict impedes the progress and development of nations; and

WHEREAS, such conflict interferes with international political and economic relations; and

WHEREAS, such conflict carries with it the inherent threat of an escalation in the scope and degree of violence and a multiplication of the destructive effects of such conflict; and

WHEREAS, all nations profit from stable and peaceful conditions at home and relations abroad; and

WHEREAS, the development of a world characterized by mutual cooperation and interdependence without armed conflict will improve the human condition around the globe and therefore should be endorsed by all nations; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau wishes to encourage such a development and increase global awareness of the need for peace,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby declare that January 26, 2000, shall be "New Millennium World Peace Day."

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY, 2000,

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau