

Presidential Proclamation No. 02-19

Earth Day: Protect Our Home

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

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility as steward 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 help today's Palauans achieve their desired financial goals and lifestyles without jeopardizing future opportunities for tomorrow's generation of Palauans; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of 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; and

WHEREAS, all Palauans are encouraged to strengthen and participate in trash collection activities; to reduce environmental diseases, public transportations; to reduce the use of fossil fuel, water conservation, and sustainable practices, commencing April 8-22, 2002, Earth Day;

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, 2002, as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau with activities coordinated by the Palau Environmental Protection Board, Palau Visitors Authority, Koror State Government, Palau Community College, Palau International Coral Reef Center, Bureau of Agriculture, Divisions of Environmental Health and Behavioral Health, and Palau Conservation Society on April 8-22, 2002.

SO PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of April 2002 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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