

## Presidential Proclamation No. 02-26

Proclaiming October 2-12, 2002 as Mental Health week In Palau

WHEREAS, the World federation for Mental Health has designated "*The Effects of Trauma and Violence on Children and Adolescents*" as the primary focus of World Mental Health Day, October 10, 2002; we therefore pledge to:

- Take action to increase awareness and understanding of complete mental health which is physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all children, thus encouraging the protection of children in all settings;
- Recognize that all children have the right to food, shelter, health care, education, and protection from abuse, neglect or exploitation;
- Promote the awareness of children rights among children and adults, and foster changes in attitudes and values that undermine respect for the rights of children, especially those that result in violence against children;
- Improve the quality of access of mental health care for children throughout the world by providing effective mental health services that are cultural, age and gender appropriate, and that meet local needs; and
- Bring about the recognition and enforcement of the rights of children as established by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the rights to freedom, security, reasonable living conditions, health care, education, self-fulfillment and dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2002, as *Mental Health Week* in the Republic of Palau.

SO PROCLAIMED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2002 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

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