

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 02-95

Announcing March 8 of each year as National Women's Day for Palau

WHEREAS, women, in many societies, including Palau, have had limited opportunities but such conditions have improved with every society becoming aware of the contributions made by women in contributing to the well-being of the world; and

WHEREAS, Palauan women play an important role in the development of the Republic of Palau, and contribute to the survival and well-being of families, and make important decisions affecting the traditional structure of Palauan society; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution guarantees equality under our laws and provides for equal opportunities irrespective of sex, race, religion, color and place of origin and it is the responsibility of the people and the government and its agencies to work to create equality of opportunities between men and women; and

WHEREAS, in order to realize such ideals engraved in our Constitution, and to pay tribute to the Palauan women for their contributions to the well-being of the Republic, a time should be designated to honor the Palauan women; and

WHEREAS, March 8<sup>th</sup> of each year has been designated by the United Nations as the International Women's Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the Republic, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, President of the Republic of Palau, hereby proclaim the following:

1. March 8th of each and every year be designated as "Women's Day" for Palau; and
2. The Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Bureau of Women's Interest shall take the lead in planning and organizing activities geared to honor our women; and
3. Non-governmental organizations concerned with women's interests shall be invited to join in the planning and organizing process.

SO PROCLAIMED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1995 at Koror State Republic of Palau.

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Kuniwo Nakamura  
President of the Republic of Palau