

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 02-97

Declaring “No Tobacco Day” for the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, the health of all people is true measure of nation’s vitality; and

WHEREAS, the health of Palauans is inseparably linked with the health of people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, all the nations of the world, acting through the World Health Organization (WHO), which Palau fully supports, are pledged to the renewal of the goal “Health For All” by the year 2000 and into the 21st Century, focusing in 1997 on noncommunicable diseases in their efforts aimed at Conquering suffering, Enriching humanity; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1995, the members of the Belau Medical Society, being aware of the role tobacco use and other lifestyle risk factors have played in the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases in Palau, unanimously signed a proclamation condemning the use and/or the promotion of tobacco in any form whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, May 31st of each year has been established by WHO as World-Wide No Tobacco Day, an occasion to educate, to encourage increased community involvement, and to focus on the unity of our health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 World-Wide No Tobacco Day theme, “United for a Tobacco Free World,” stresses the importance of community participation in promoting healthy lifestyles in an effort to reduce tobacco-related diseases and deaths and the social costs of tobacco use;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare May 31, 1997, as “No Tobacco Day” and urge all citizens to observe and take part in activities designed to advance the cause of tobacco-related disease prevention by promoting awareness and by encouraging participation in the worldwide efforts to attain “Health For All.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of May 1997, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau