

Presidential Proclamation No. 03-00

Earth Day: Wise Stewardship Ensures Sustainable Development

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 stewards 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, I encourage each household in Palau to plant one fruit bearing seedling at their property site on Saturday, April 22, 2000, 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, 2000 as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau with activities coordinated by the Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board, the Environmental Health and Sanitation, the Palau Visitors Authority and the 16 State Governments on April 6-22, 2000.

SO PROCLAIMED this 6th day of April 2000 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau