

## Presidential Proclamation No. 03-42

Proclaiming September 2003 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

WHEREAS, *Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* celebrates the individuals who have engaged in successful treatment, families in recovery, and those in treatment field who dedicate their lives to helping people recover from addiction; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging September 2003 as *Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* offers those involved in substance abuse treatment an opportunity to educate the public, community organizations and public officials about the effectiveness of treatment; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse and co-occurring mental disorders and co-existing physical illnesses are major public health problems that affect many people and have high medical, societal and economic costs; and

WHEREAS, people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders can and do recover, and people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders deserve access to the services they need to recover; and

WHEREAS, healthcare providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, co-occurring disorders and treatment issues; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health invites all residents of Palau to participate in this *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., do hereby proclaim the month of September 2003 as *Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* in Palau and encourage all citizens to support this year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Health*" by supporting men, women and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery, and their families.

SO PROCLAIMED this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of September at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

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