

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 03-92

Establishing an Earth Day for the Republic of Palau

WHEREAS, April 22nd as Earth Day is presently an international event, observed by countries throughout the world for the conservation of the World's Environment; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone's responsibility as stewards of the earth and its environment to prevent excessive exploitation and depletion of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, our island environment is fragile and limited; and our livelihood depends on our island environment; and

WHEREAS, sustainable development will assure healthy and improved lifestyles for Palauan citizens and future generations; 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 - to conserve our natural resources and natural beauty for posterity's sake; and

WHEREAS, Palau is presently the Number 1 Underwater Wonder in the World and it is our duty to maintain it and pass it to our children;

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 declare and proclaim April 22 of this year as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd day of April, 1992, in the State of Koror, Republic of Pal au.

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Ngiratkel Etpison
President of the Republic of Palau