

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 03-95

Observance of the first full week of April as National Public Health Week

WHEREAS, recognizing that promoting better health and an improved quality of life for all Palauans through illness prevention is a major goal of our nation; and

WHEREAS, appreciating that public health programs and services benefit everyone -- regardless of race, ethnicity, and socio-economic stratum-- and are essential ingredients to a strong, successful national health care system; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging that public health activities protect Palauans from infectious diseases, environmental and workplace hazards, chronic diseases, unintentional injuries, and violence; and

WHEREAS, realizing that educating people about the benefits of adopting healthful behavior can empower them in attaining good health; and

WHEREAS, applauding the aid provided worldwide by public health workers in times of natural disasters and other catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, understanding that public health workers in the Republic play crucial roles in ensuring that all Palauans have the opportunity to be healthy and live in healthy communities in a healthy world; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with world communities in celebrating April 7th as World Health Day and with communities across the United States of America in celebrating the first week of April as Public Health Week;

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 first full week of April as National Public Health Week, beginning in April 1995. I call upon all national and state public agencies and groups with health related interests and activities to join with appropriate private organizations and educational institutions to celebrate with activities to promote health and acknowledge the many benefits of public health to our citizens.

SO PROCLAIMED this 4th day of April 1995 at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau