

Presidential Proclamation No. 04-46

Declaring April 22, 2004, Earth Day: "Watch Your Waste"

WHEREAS, April 22nd is internationally recognized throughout the world as Earth Day to promote understanding of the need to conserve the Earth's resources and planetary environment; and

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

WHEREAS, our island environment is very fragile and our future livelihood dependent on its preservation; 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 protecting the Earth and conserving our natural resources and natural beauty for the sake of future health and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, multiple events and activities are occurring during March and April to recognize Earth Day, culminating on Earth Day, April 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, all Palauans are encouraged to take those personal and community actions necessary to enhance and preserve our natural environment and to participate in Earth Day activities; and

WHEREAS, this year's Earth Day Theme is "Watch Your Waste", recognizing the need to improve Palau's processing of solid waste at the community level;

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, 2004, as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau, with activities to be scheduled throughout March and April and to be coordinated by the Earth Day Committee, as chaired by Palau Environmental Protection Board.

SO PROCLAIMED this 19th day of April 2004 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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