

Presidential Proclamation No. 04-50

Proclaiming October 10, 2004 as World Mental Health Day in Palau

WHEREAS, the World Federation for Mental Health has designated “the Relationship Between Physical and Mental Disorders” as the primary focus of World Mental Health Day 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau supports a national and worldwide effort to define and understand the relationship between physical and mental disorders; and

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to increase public awareness and understanding of the importance of total body health, and to treat co-occurring disorders to assure greater health and well being for our people; and

WHEREAS the Republic of Palau must strive to provide the best possible culturally appropriate mental and physical health services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2004 to be World Mental Health Day in Palau and pledge to support the accomplishment of the above-mentioned objectives. I urge all citizens of Palau to:

Participate in efforts to increase public awareness and understanding of the correlation between mental and physical health issues;

Support advocacy efforts to encourage medical and psychiatric clinicians to work together for optimal health care;

Reinforce the need for equal treatment and funding for mental health services in public health resources; and

Participate in activities designed for the observance of Mental Health Day.

SO PROCLAIMED this 6th day of October, 2004, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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