

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 04-96

Declaring July 10-12, 1996 as Population Education Forum Week in Palau

WHEREAS, world population reached five billion people on July 11, 1987; and

WHEREAS, just nine years later, world population has passed the level of five billion and seven hundred million people; and

WHEREAS, the international community now observes July 11 as WORLD POPULATION DAY; and

WHEREAS, in observance of WORLD POPULATION DAY, the United Nations and other international organizations are urging developed and developing countries around the world to sponsor educational programs to heighten public awareness of world population growth; and

WHEREAS, population growth is an important issue even to a small island nation such as Palau; and

WHEREAS, population growth can impact on the economic, social and political aspects of the lives of Palauans and affect the education, health and livelihood of Palauans of all ages and all generations; and

WHEREAS, one of the single most important issues facing population throughout the world including Palau is the prevention of the spread of the HIV infection and AIDS and improving education on reproductive health; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these important matters, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health and the Palau Community Action Agency, with the financial assistance of UNFPA/UNESCO, have organized a three-day Population Education Forum and World Population Day Celebration for all interested Palauans, including youth, community group leaders, parents, and community organizers;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic, I hereby declare and proclaim July 10-12, 1996 as Population Education Forum Week in Palau.

SO DECLARED, PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED this 5th day of July, 1996, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau

