

## Presidential Proclamation No. 05-57

*Declaring April 22, 2005, Earth Day: "Healthy Environment For Our Children"*

WHEREAS, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 22 April 2005; 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 "Healthy Environment for Our Children," recognizing the need to educate our current and future generations on maintaining and preserving the Republic's natural resources;

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, 2005, as Earth Day in the Republic of Palau, with activities scheduled throughout March and April, coordinated by the Earth Day Committee as chaired by Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board.

SO PROCLAIMED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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