

## PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 05-60

*Proclaiming September 2005 to be Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious but treatable health problem, and addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on many individuals and families in Palau; and

WHEREAS, assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment, and their family members to support services, is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

WHEREAS, community members seeking treatment deserve individualized treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, celebrating individuals in recovery and their families, and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment, educates our community about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Palau Ministry of Health's Behavioral Health Division invite all residents of Palau to participate in Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Palau, I hereby proclaim the month of September 2005 as *Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* in Palau and call upon everyone residing in Palau to observe this month with appropriate activities supporting this year's theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery; Healing Lives, Families, and Communities."

SO PROCLAIMED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005.

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