

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 05-99

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, September 1999

WHEREAS, substance abuse, which includes the use of alcohol, tobacco, betelnut and illegal narcotics, threatens the health and well-being of our citizens and our nation; and

WHEREAS, such substance abuse is a continuing problem in the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, education about the dangers of substance abuse, together with programs of prevention and treatment, offers the best hope of reducing the cost of substance abuse on Palau's citizens; and

WHEREAS, if those who engage in substance abuse can stop for a sustained period of time and enter a treatment program, then they may be able to permanently stop such abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, I, Kuniwo Nakamura, do hereby proclaim that the month of September 1999 shall be declared *NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH* whose theme is *Addiction Treatment: Investing in People for Business Success*. All persons are encouraged to avoid substance abuse during this month and to learn where to seek help or information for selves, families, friends or co-workers regarding addictions.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 10th day of September 1999, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau