

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION No. 06-00

Nurses' Week: Nurses, Always There For You

WHEREAS, May 12th is internationally recognized throughout the world as Nurses' Day for the purpose of promoting understanding and appreciation of the diverse ways that nurses make a difference in peoples lives; and

WHEREAS, the more than 11 million nurses providing care in hospitals and rural health centers, schools, workplaces, homes, prisons, war zones and refugee camps are the key to effective delivery of health services worldwide; and

WHEREAS, our nation is among others with advanced health services because of the caring and healing activities of our nurses, including the preventive health services provided to schools around the country; and

WHEREAS, promotion and appreciation of the nurses and their unending desire to provide effective health services may one day attract young people to join in the nursing care services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Nurses' Day is to proclaim a day in a year in which we remind ourselves how important the services of the nurses to the good health of our nation; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all people of Palau to join hands in appreciation of the hard work the nurses provide to all of us on May 12, 2000, Nurses' Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau, and in the interest of the nurses of Palau, I hereby proclaim May 12, 2000 as Nurses' Day in the Republic of Palau with special recognition to the nurses to begin on the week of May 8 to 12 which is likewise proclaimed as a Nurses' Week.

SO PROCLAIM this 8th day of May 2000 at Koror, Republic of Palau.

/s/

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau