

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-64

Declaring April 2006 Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, in 2005, despite prevention efforts, approximately 27 percent of high school students were binge drinkers, meaning that they consumed five or more drinks in a short period of time; and

WHEREAS, also in 2005, approximately 21 percent of our children drank alcohol before the age of 13; and

WHEREAS, large quantities of beer are imported into Palau every year, and beer is a large temptation to our people, particularly our youth; and

WHEREAS, children, with care and support from the community, family, friends, health care professionals, teachers, clergy and other role models, can avoid the negative effects of alcohol and other harmful drugs; and

WHEREAS, parental involvement and improved communication with our children can exert a positive influence on youth, and help deter alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Palau Non-Communicable Disease Alcohol Committee invite all citizens of the Republic of Palau to participate in the Alcohol Awareness Month activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, do hereby declare April 2006 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Palau and urge everyone this month and throughout the year, to take part in observance and activities designed to advance the cause of prevention and control of alcohol use and abuse.

SO PROCLAIMED this 6th day of April at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/

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